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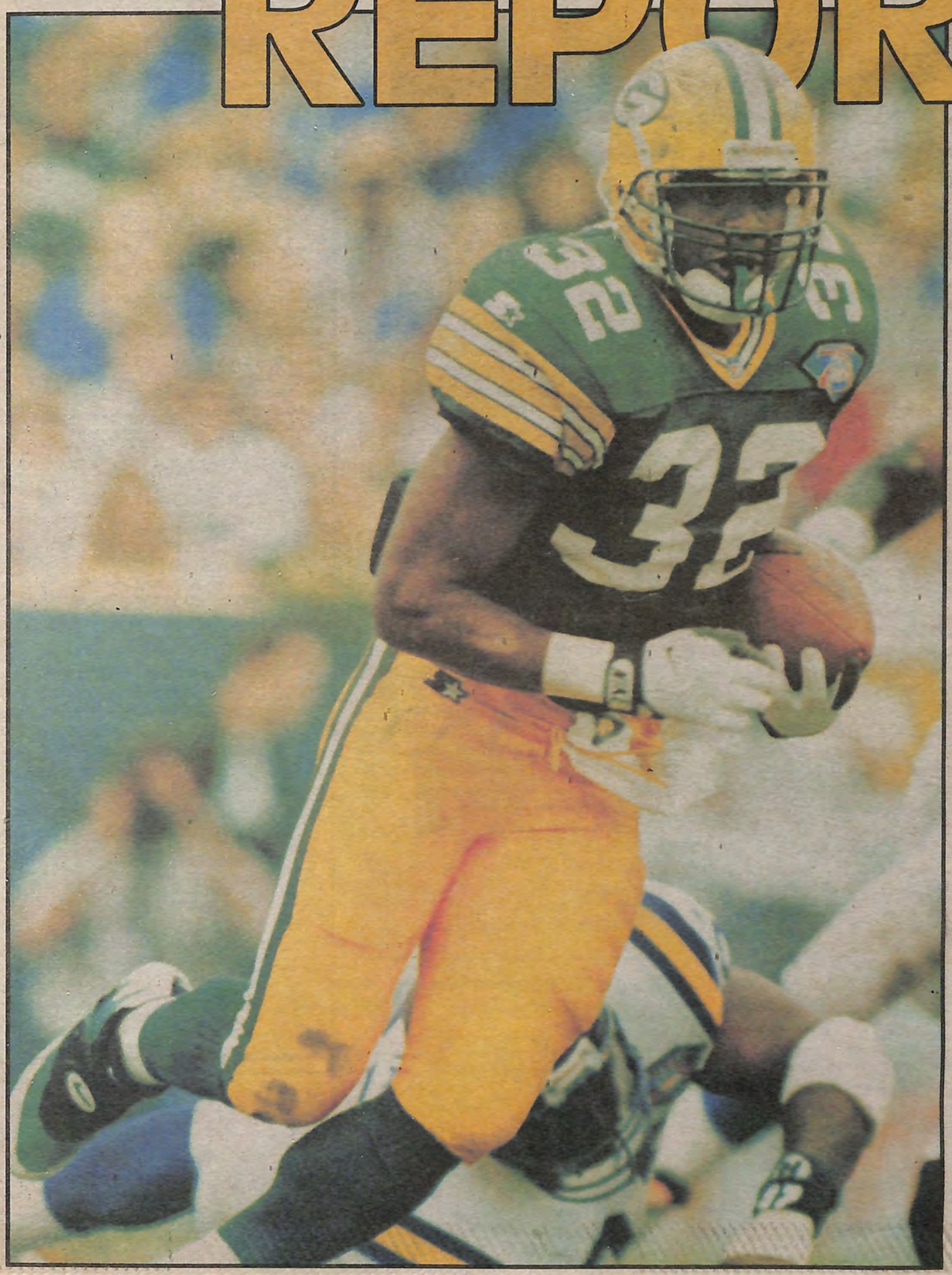

Eagles 13, Packers 7

White gets mixed reception

Free agency discussed

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Commentary

Pack had its chances

PHILADELPHIA — This is a really a tough loss for the team.

They had many opportunities to win the game — including, obviously, right there at the end after a real bizarre play — it was unbelievable for the Packers to still be in there the way they were in the last two minutes and then not be able to score.

Give the Eagles credit, they came up with the big plays when they had to. They

Ray Nitschke

created three turnovers from the Packers and scored off of two of those. They sacked Brett six times.

But the game could have been won by the Packers — if they had come up with the big plays. They did not come up with the big plays — for the second week on a row.

You *have* to make those.

Why are the Packers coming up short on offense? For starters, I think the offense is too conservative. I think the other teams know where the Packers are going with the ball. I see it as very predictable in the sense that the Packers don't go down the field enough. They don't have the 49ers' personnel, which they used to run this scheme successfully.

You can pick out individual plays in this game, but I have to say that the last two minutes of the first half — when the Eagles got the field goal — and the first two minutes of the second half — when the Eagles turned Reggie Cobb's fumble into seven points — changed the momentum of this game.

In the entire third quarter, the Packer offense didn't do anything. They had the ball for 4:08, made no first downs, went 0-for-4 in third-down conversations and had a net total of -23 yards. Their five drives ended on three punts, one interception and one fumble.

Philadelphia throws Reggie Cobb to the turf, separating him from the ball on the second play of the third quarter. It bounced to the right out of this photo, but the Eagles recovered and launched a touchdown drive.
-- Ron Anzalone photo

The offense had looked pretty good in the first half at times but the Eagles got the momentum in the second half.

Penalties, fumbles, interceptions, dropped passes. Against any comparable opponent, you can't have them. The Eagles scored off all but one of the Packer turnovers. That's what won the game.

The Packers created some turnovers themselves, but scored off of only one of them. The Packers have to do something with the ball after their defense gives it to them.

You just can't win consistently in the NFL the way this offense is playing now.

They have to limit their mistakes. Good teams don't beat themselves. This is a real good example of a game in which they beat themselves.

The players are trying. There is not a lack of effort here. Maybe they are trying too hard. They have to settle down, limit their mistakes and quit beating themselves. You can't drop passes, can't fumble, can't throw interceptions, or commit penalties.

You never know which plays determine the outcome of the ballgame:

If it's fourth down, you've got to make the first down. When you are inside the 10 yardline, you have to come up with the points, you have to find a way to earn the victory.

Victories don't come easy. They aren't supposed to. The Eagles earned the victory in this game because they came up with the big plays when they had to.

It wasn't Green 'n' Gold

What did you think of the Throwback uniforms? Write us and tell us.

Growing up in Chicago, I remember watching the Eagles wear these uniforms in one of the first championship games I saw on TV, in 1949. I remember Van Buren running against the old Chicago Cardinals in a snowstorm. I was pulling for the Cardinals but the Eagles won, 7-0.

The tradition and history of the NFL certainly was brought out this weekend with these old jerseys — and weren't the officials' little caps great? They looked like they had just alighted from the running board of a roadster.

How about seeing the Packers in that uniform? A Packer fan might well say this 1937 uniform isn't the fanciest they've seen — but this is what was worn by the likes of Arnie Herber and the great Don Hutson. As a fan, I appreciate the rich history in that.

But it was the first time — other than very old tapes and stills — that I had ever seen the Packers not wearing Green and Gold. That was very, very different.

Packers didn't want it to start out this way

One win in three games is not exactly how the Packers wanted to open the season.

Just ask Don Davey. "We said way back in minicamp we wanted to get off to a fast start," he said.

"The last couple of years, we have struggled in the beginning and really had to make a push towards the end of the season. We didn't want to dig a hole for ourselves again, but we did.

"We are 1-2," he said. "We will bounce back. We will be all right."

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Starting halfback Reggie Cobb.
-- Al Fredrickson photo

In the middle ...

Starting right guard Harry Galbreath.
-- Vernon J. Biever photo

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4 tries from the 11

Holmgren: 'D' played well enough to beat Eagles

by Al Pahl
Packer Report

PHILADELPHIA - The Packers had four shots from the 11 yardline — and closer. You can't ask for more than that.

Green Bay was unable to score on those plays in the final two minutes here Sunday and lost, 13-7, because of it — and other mistakes.

"I felt pretty good with the calls," Coach Mike Holmgren said, referring to the final series. "Obviously the defense had made a big, big play to get us into position to win....Give Philadelphia credit, they did a nice job in a very tough situation."

On first down at the 11 with 2:03 left, Brett Favre hit Robert Brooks for five yards to the Eagle six.

Don Davey had just forced Randall Cunningham to fumble when this frame was shot Sunday. The ball was out of the picture to the right, where Sean Jones recovered, setting the Packers up on the Eagle 11 with 2:03 left in their 13-7 loss to Philadelphia.

-- Ron Anzalone photo

On second down, Favre lofted a pass to Sterling Sharpe on a fade route to the right rear corner of the end zone. "We threw it a little deep, a little long," Holmgren said.

On third-and-five from the six, Favre threw for rookie tight end Jeff Wilner on the left side of the end zone. Cornerback Eric Allen batted the ball up. Wilner wheeled and dove but "it was just about two inches out of my grasp," he said. "I don't even think I got my fingers on it.

Recalled Wilner, "I came off the ball, I thought I was pretty clear because Eric Allen was playing about five yards off me. I just tried to get into the end zone. I saw Brett throw the ball to me and thought I had a good chance to catch it. Then Eric Allen comes in, breaks so quickly, and the ball just went straight up. I spun around as quickly as I could. Unfortunately I couldn't get it."

Wilner said he was the "third or fourth" read for Favre on that play.

"I have to look at the film but I thought we had a good chance to stick it in," Holmgren said.

Bennett stacked up for no gain

On fourth down, Favre rolled a bit to the right and threw to fullback Edgar Bennett, who was behind the line of scrimmage on the right, but moving toward the line as he made the grab. Cornerback Otis Smith quickly made sure Bennett would get no further than the line of scrimmage.

Immediately after the game, Holmgren was not terribly forthcoming about what went wrong there. He seemed to be uncomfortable with Favre's choice but did not say so. "I thought the decision, he threw the ball to the back, hopefully he can get it in, maybe catch them in man-to-man," Holmgren said. "They were in a zone."

Asked who the first read on that play is, Holmgren replied, "It depends on coverage, it depends on what he sees."

Asked whether he would have liked to see Favre throw the ball into the end zone on that play, the head coach replied, "Sometimes you can throw the ball (short) and run it in. In retrospect, certainly. But I'm not going to second-guess his decision there. He reacted to something he saw and threw the ball.

"We didn't get it. I might feel differently when I see the film or he might feel differently. He sees something and reacts. I'm not going to second-guess what he did."

The Packers did not expect zone coverage on that play. "Typically they like to run the man inside the 10. That's their No. 1 coverage in there and they like to blitz," Holmgren said. "We gave it our best shot and made the call and it didn't work. In a situation like that you just have to give Philadelphia all the credit in the world."

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Butler watches from Green Bay hospital

Packer safety LeRoy Butler, diagnosed with pneumonia Saturday, watched Sunday's game from a hospital bed in Green Bay.

"He's still in the hospital. but the medicine has helped," Coach Mike Holmgren said after the game. "He's feeling much better. He is really sick. That was good news today when I received that."

As for whether Butler will play against the Bucs, "I don't know at this point," Holmgren said. "We'll have to see how he feels. He's feeling better. Then we take it day to day to see when he can come back and play football — if you can't breathe, it's pretty hard to play."

Right tackle Paul Hutchins, filling in for the injured Joe Sims, injured a knee Sunday and is questionable for the Bucs. Probable for the Bucs are: Edgar Bennett (shoulder), John Jurkovich (ankle) and Gilbert Brown (knee).

The loss of Butler caused the Packers to make "some adjustments, yeah, because we didn't find out until so late," Holmgren said. "But Tim Hauck played a fine game.

"The defense played well enough to win. We just struggled a bit on offense."

Also over the weekend, the Packers made a roster move — too late to get it changed on our roster and depth chart on pages 10 and 11. They waived recent free-agent acquisition Alai Kalaniuvalu and replaced him by promoting Charles Hope off of the practice squad.

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GAME STATISTICS

SCORING SUMMARY

Green Bay Packers	**7**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**13**
Philadelphia Eagles	**0**	**3**	**10**	**0**	**13**

Packers, 1, 0:05, Cobb 37-yard pass from Favre (Jacke, kick) (14-80, 6:16) 7-0

Eagles, 2, 0:00, Murray 26-yard field goal (9-71, 0:50) 7-3

Eagles, 3, 11:06, Cunningham 1-yard run (Murray, kick) (7-27, 3:44) 7-10

Eagles, 3, 6:28, Murray 26-yard field goal (9-36, 3:30_ 7-13

Attendance: 63,922; tickets distributed: 65,650; unused: 1,728; time: 3:08

Weather: Sunny, temperature 70, humidity 49, wind N 17 mph

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Packers	Eagles
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	13	20
By Rushing	3	7
By Passing	9	12
By Penalty	1	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	7-17-41%	6-17-35%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-2-0%	1-1-100%
TOTAL NET YARDS	275	273
Total Offensive Plays (inc. time thrown passing)	65	74
Average gain per offensive play	4.2	3.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	37	91
Total Rushing Plays	14	28
Average gain per rushing play	2.6	3.3
NET YARDS PASSING	238	182
Times thrown — yards lost attempting to pass	6-42	3-22
Gross yards passing	280	204
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INT.	45-24-2	43-20-1
Average gain per pass play (inc. # thrown passing)	4.7	4.0
KICKOFFS-In End Zone-Touchbacks	2-0-0	3-0-0
PUNTS Number and Average	6-37.8	7-40
Had Blocked	0	0
FGs-PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	50	17
No. and Yards Punt Returns	5-50	1-11
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	2-38	2-40
No. and Yards Interception Returns	1-0	2-6
PENALTIES Number and Yards	8-67	8-61
FUMBLES Number and Lost	2-1	1-0
TOUCHDOWNS	1	1
Rushing	0	1
Passing	1	0
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	1-1	1-1
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	0-0	2-2
SAFETIES	0	0
FINAL SCORE	7	13
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:17	33:43

GREEN BAY PACKERS

RUSHING	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long Gain	TD
Bennett	7	15	2.1	13	0
Cobb	4	8	2.0	5	0
Favre	1	8	8.0	8	0
Jordan	1	5	5.0	5	0
Johnson	1	1	1.0	1	0

PASSING	Att.	Com.	Yds.	TKD	Yds.	TD	LG	Had Int.
Favre	45	24	280	6	42	1	48	2

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Bennett	7	44	11	0
Sharpe	6	108	48	0
Brooks	4	22	12	0
Cobb	3	38	37	1
Morgan	2	16	9	0
Johnson	1	33	33	0
Lewis	1	19	19	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Buckley	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Hentrich	6	227	37.8	1	3	45

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Brooks	5	0	50	20	0
Jordan	0	1	0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Harris	2	0	38	22	0

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

RUSHING	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long Gain	TD
Hebron	5	28	5.6	11	0
Cunningham	7	26	3.7	15	1
Walker	8	16	2.0	13	0
Joseph	7	16	2.3	3	0
Williams	1	5	5.0	5	0

PASSING	Att.	Com.	Yds.	TKD	Yds.	TD	LG	Had Int.
Cunningham	43	20	204	3	22	0	34	1

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Joseph	6	37	13	0
Barnett	5	68	25	0
Walker	3	14	7	0
Williams	2	43	34	0
Johnson	2	18	11	0
Bailey	1	12	12	0
Bavaro	1	12	12	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Evans	1	6	6	0
Zordich	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Berger	7	280	40.0	0	2	57

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Sydner	1	1	11	11	0
Bailey	0	1	0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Hebron	1	0	29	29	0
Sydner	1	0	11	11	0

GREEN BAY PACKERS
Unofficial

	T	A	SK	YL	INT.	PD	FR
Koonce	5	3	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
Hauck	6	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Evans	5	1	0.0	0.0	0	2	0
Paup	3	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Strickland	2	3	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
Jurkovic	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
McMichael	2	2	0.5	5.0	0	0	0
White	2	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Brown	2	0	1.0	8.0	0	0	0
Teague	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Willis	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Buckley	1	0	0.0	0.0	1	4	0
Harris	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
McGill	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
Davey	0	1	0.5	5.0	0	0	0
Wilkins	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Dukes	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Favre	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Prior	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
Unofficial

	T	A	SK	YL	INT.	PD	FR
Zordich	4	3	0.0	0.0	1	1	1
Evans	3	3	0.5	1.0	1	2	0
McMillian	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	2	0
Miano	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Allen	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	2	0
Jackson	3	1	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
Thomas	3	1	1.0	13.0	0	1	0
Harmon	2	1	1.0	14.0	0	0	0
Romanowski	2	1	1.5	5.0	0	0	0
Fuller	2	0	1.0	1.0	0	0	0
Grossman	2	0	1.0	8.0	0	0	0
Smith	2	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Perry	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Flores	1	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Bailey	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Berger	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Joseph	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
O'Neal	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Reid	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Renfro	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	1	0
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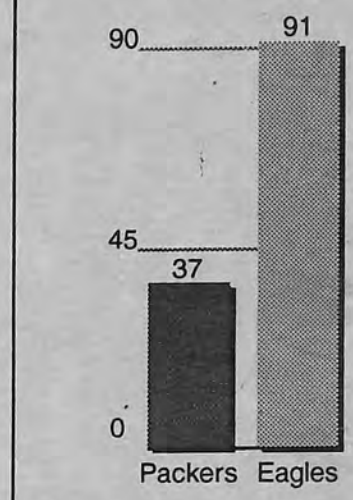

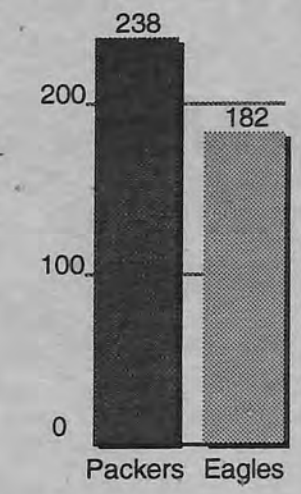

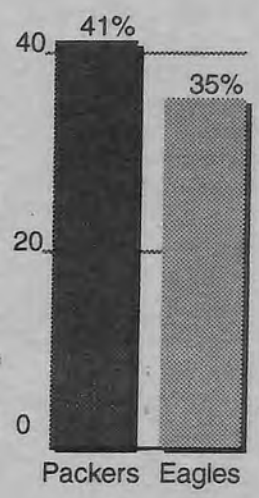

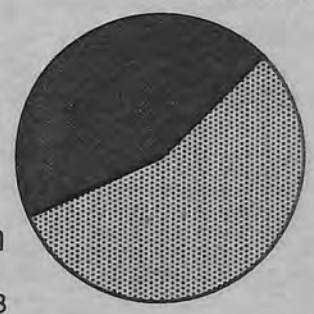

Commentary

White went back, said goodbye

by John Delcos

PHILADELPHIA — Reggie White came home to say good-bye.

For eight bittersweet seasons, White called Philadelphia home. Veterans Stadium was where he bled, sweat, and cried.

The Vet was where he built the foundation for a Hall of Fame career; it's where he tasted playoff defeat twice — three more too-short seasons ended on the road.

The Vet was the site of his best times, dozens of sacks and thrilling victories; it was also the site of his worst time — the emotional afternoon when he eulogized teammate Jerome Brown.

An NFL rookie in 1985, the University of Tennessee graduate came to Philadelphia wide-eyed and naive ... a raw babe, fresh from two seasons with Memphis in the USFL. He left it April 8, 1993, hardened physically in the NFL trenches and toughened emotionally by the politics of the sport.

He had hoped he wouldn't be booed

On Sunday, he returned with the Packers. White never got a chance to say good-bye, and wondered how Eagles' fans — often vicious and cruel, and not a group to carry much sentiment — would greet him.

White hoped his reception would be warm — "I hope they don't boo me," he said before the game — unlike the returns of Keith Jackson and Keith Byars, who came back last season as Dolphins and were treated like any opponent — or worse, like Giants.

"I don't think I did anything negative when I left there that would have made them want to boo Reggie White," said White, an ordained Baptist minister, who, most Fridays after practice, would preach on Philadelphia's mean streets about staying in school and the evils of drug use.

His greeting, unlike those directed at Jackson and Byars, wasn't venomous. Nor was it one of passion. There was no loud and prolonged cheer of "Thank you."

There was a short, undistinctive rumble. A mix of boos and cheers. It was nothing that would indicate this was a player who dominated on this field for nearly a decade.

"It was emotional at first," said White. "When I came out, some guy called me a traitor. But, he must have just moved there."

For the rest of the afternoon, White played nothing more than a bit role in Philadelphia's 13-7 victory. His two tackles were barely noticed by the fans; he certainly didn't tug at their hearts as he did two springs ago when 24,000 showed up at a pep rally and urged him to stay.

That was another time, another White.

Reggie White, here assisting Steve McMichael with a tackle, drew mixed reactions from Eagles' fans during his first return to the Vet since signing with Green Bay.

-- Ron Anzalone photo

White probably learned a lot from Braman

Spring 1993, was an emotional, whirlwind time for White, who entertained serious offers with Washington, San Francisco, Detroit and Cleveland before signing with Green Bay. White was moved by the public's plea, but former Eagles' owner Norman Braman taught him football was a callous business.

White learned through Braman that football wasn't all cheering and winning and loyalty; it was also pettiness and back-biting and a cheapness that underscored a bottom-line, adversarial relationship between player and owner.

It was time to move on, time to close out his stellar career here.

It was too late, but White was touched when the Eagles' new owner, Jeffrey Lurie, announced during training camp this season that his No. 92 jersey would remain unworn until someone earned the privilege. White phoned Lurie to thank him for the gesture.

"(Lurie) thanked me for what I'd done for the organization ... something the other guy never has," said White, who kept a low profile during Eagle Week.

'We love you, but not today'

White, whose family came to Philadelphia for this game, didn't say anything last week that could eventually find its way to a bulletin board in the Philadelphia locker room. He said all the right things about starting over, and had the proper amount of praise for his former teammates.

There was also a verbal cease-fire from his former clubhouse. After all, White, the NFL's all-time sack leader with 138 — 13 last season and one this year — can still punish quarterbacks and there was no use fueling his fire.

During the pre-game coin toss, White smiled as he shook hands with Byron Evans and Herschel Walker. There was a short, awkward, almost forced embrace with Randall Cunningham.

As White jogged off the field, he noticed a banner behind the Packer bench: "92: We love you, but not today."

Another said: "Reggie, Thanks for the memories ... but this is now."

It was Philadelphia's way of severing ties. White's way came two plays into the game when he slammed Cunningham to the turf.

At the end, White watched as the Eagle defense — the one he used to lead — turned back the Packers on the goal line. White heard the cheers that once were for him.

There were no regrets.

"It's too bad we lost," said White. "We had our chances, but they played good when they needed to."

White was again asked about returning to Philadelphia, and if indeed, the emotional ties had finally been cut.

"A game is a game here like it is anyplace else," said White, repeating a cliché all athletes say about their former teams.

Usually, the clichés ring hollow. This time, it did not.

White had come home, but it wasn't the same ... it never is. He really had said good-bye.

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Evans puts 7th sense to good use

Jauron says he's uncanny; corner calls it a family trait

"There's no telling how good Doug Evans can be..."

So said Dick Jauron, during a player evaluation for the Packer Media Guide last spring, venturing a seemingly bold prediction about one of his young defensive backs.

"Ever since he came in here and we put him at corner," said the Packers' astute and articulate defensive backfield coach, "he's just improved, almost on a daily basis. He's really a good corner right now. He's got speed, he's quick and he has an uncanny ability to make plays on the ball."

Lee Remmel

Doug, who now suddenly finds himself the Packers' resident right cornerback, was quick to agree with Jauron's description of his play-making talents when the subject arose last week following his ascension to starting status.

Evans, however, employed a different phrase to describe his special gift, which has played a prominent role in his rapid rise in the Green Bay secondary. "I think I have a seventh sense for football," he said, beaming as he spoke, and taking obvious pleasure in the thought. "I really do. When I'm on the field, I feel something's always going to happen. And that's a great feeling to have.

It's a family trait

"I always have it — I can just feel it. It's a trait that's been in my family for years. I don't think that it's we're such great players. It's just that we work hard — we work very hard.

"Like Dick Jauron says," he continued, "and I think about it: 'Good habits are hard to break — just as bad habits are.'

By way of the ever capricious football fates, the lithe Louisianan is now getting abundant opportunity to exercise his "good habits," having been called upon to step in as the starter at right corner after incumbent Roland Mitchell went down with a neck injury in the Packers' opening game against the Vikings and was lost for the season.

Starting was his objective

Though he would have preferred to get the assignment another way, Doug is not surprised to find himself a starter.

"It was a high objective of mine (coming into the season," he confided, adding, "You have to be thinking of it...My thoughts were, if I wasn't a starter, I wanted to make a big contribution on the field...at least find some way to get me on the field."

At the same time, Evans put the situation in practical perspective:

"Being a starter is just a name," he said, pointing out, "I'd played a lot in the Minnesota game, so it wasn't like I haven't played. I tried to look at it as just another opportunity to play."

And the butterflies? "I'm always nervous when I just go out there, anyway," Doug observed, "but I settled down right away. I wasn't going to be caught up in being a starter."

All of which prompted him to reflect, "The way some of the reporters were talking to me after the game, it seems like they didn't realize I've been playing — a lot — a majority of the time. They make it seem like it was my first time on the field. I'd played a lot late last season (in nickel and dime packages) and this preseason."

Had he had the perception that Miami quarterback Dan Marino was "picking on him," as anticipated going into Game Two?

"Starting off, I think that was his motive — to pick on me," Evans acknowledged, "But when a team establishes the running game early, as they did, they tend to stick with it. "We also changed up things in the secondary to try to confuse him — you can make him throw balls up.

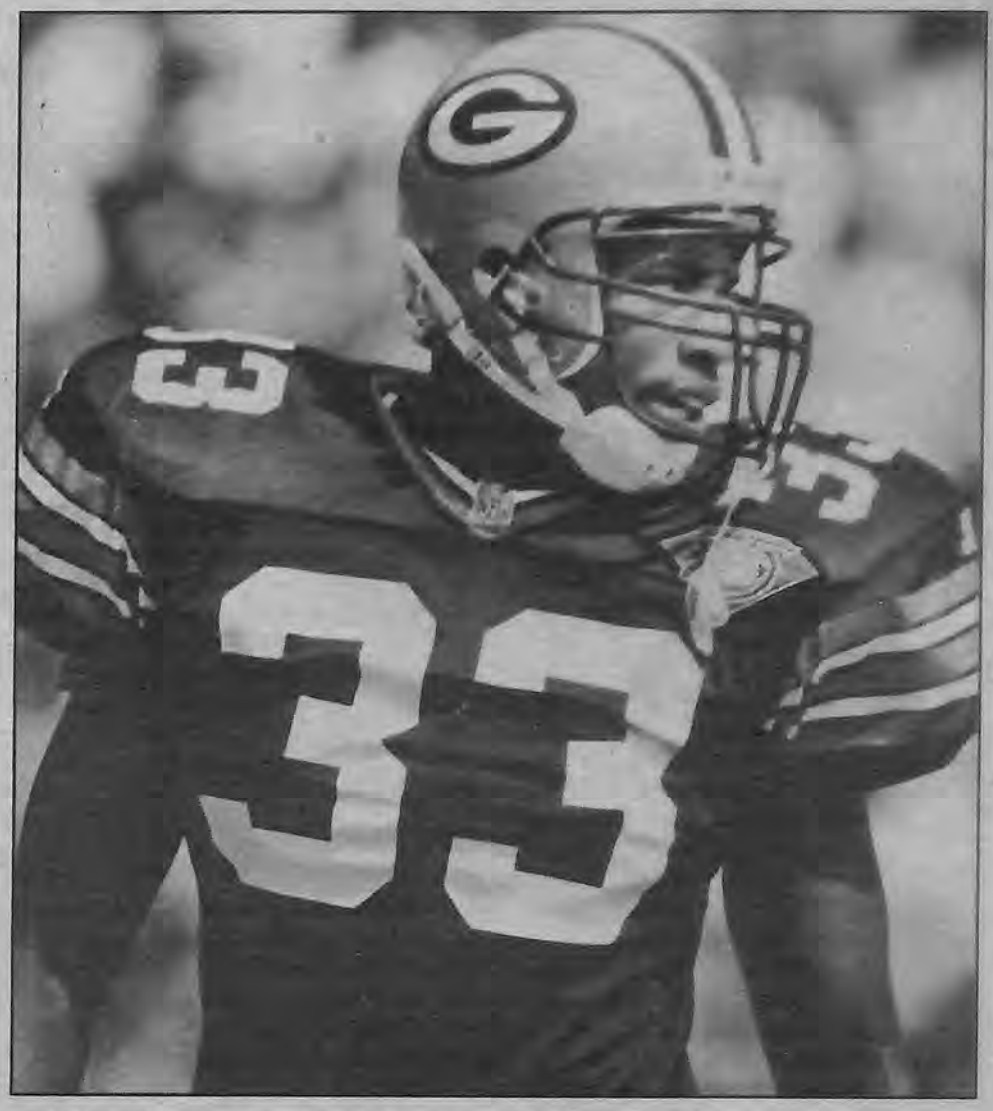
"I thought he was going to come after me, so I was prepared for that." said Evans, who also had expert assistance from the bench when he was off the field between defensive "shifts."

Another 'coach' on the sideline

"Roland (Mitchell) was on the sideline," Doug reported. "When I came off the field, he'd ask me, 'How do you feel?' And he'd say, 'Just stay relaxed and play. You have the ability — just go out there and play.'"

There also was sideline counsel from Jauron. "We talked after the plays," Evans said. He'd ask me how did it look out there? What were the receivers doing? And say, 'Stay focused and just keep playing hard.'

"He's the kind of coach you want to play for. He puts you in situations where you're going to play your best. He won't put you out there in a worse defense against a certain offense. He's going to put you in the best situation to play against that offense."



Originally a linebacker at Louisiana Tech, Doug Evans has progressed from being last season's first sixth-round draft pick to becoming the Packers' starting right cornerback.

-- Al Fredrickson photo

Jauron, in turn, is clearly pleased with his pupil's progress.

"I'm real comfortable with Doug out there on the field," he said. "I know there are some things he has to learn, but he works at it every day. I don't think I've ever been around a player who works any harder than he does.

"And he has some unique abilities. He has good size and speed, and he has excellent vision to locate the ball. (But) the number one thing he has is his attitude. He wants to be good, he's aggressive and a tough man...There are a lot of positives about Doug Evans."

Begins right corner in pre-season

Then preparing to face the Philadelphia Eagles, No. 33 had just had an opportunity to review the Dolphin game on video. How, he was asked, did he feel about his baptismal performance as a starter?

"I think it was fair," he said. "I know I have a lot of improvement to do to get better — things I can do to get better. But, on the whole, I'd say it was fair.

"I saw things on film that I know I can do better...That's good when you can critique yourself and see your mistakes, and try to get better with those."

Evans didn't make a point of it, but right corner was a relatively new position to him. He had gone through training camp and the pre-season backing up Terrell Buckley on the left side.

"I had been working at the left corner since I've been here," he confirmed, "and the more I played there, the more comfortable I got...That's the way it'll be at the right corner. The longer I'm there, the more comfortable I'll be there.

"The first time I played right corner was not in practice," he pointed out, "it was in a pre-season game last month. A couple of guys got hurt. It was like they moved me right then — they needed somebody to play there.

"Just getting thrown in there, you don't have time to think of all the things you need to do to play right corner," Evans observed with a slight smile. "You just play."

Started out as a linebacker

It is a somewhat different role than Evans had in Louisiana Tech's defense, where he closed out his career playing the "rover" position.

"It'd be more like LeRoy (strong safety Butler) plays — coming up, making sacks," Evans said. "It's closer to that...I played linebacker in college (as a freshman) because they needed me to play there.

"In my sophomore year, they tried to fit my body into the defense better," he continued, wryly observing, "They knew if I was going to play linebacker, my body wasn't going to hold up too

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Family Spotlight

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Debra Gale McMichael

Wife of 15th-year DT, Steve

Born - March 2, 1960, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

College - University of Alabama. Major: Advertising. Post-College: The Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute, N.Y. City.

My child's name and age - Steve, 36 years old; 270 pounds.

The last book I read was - Psychology of Motivation.

A movie I'd recommend to my friends is - Big Business.

My favorite hobbies are - Jogging, weight training, eating chocolate.

My occupation - Actress.

The things I like best about my occupation are - You get paid for playing dress up!

The things I like best about football are - Watching Steve get a sack. Eating a hot dog. Watching a fight in the stands.

The things I like best to do with my family are - Snuggling on the coach with Stevie and watching a good movie. Traveling and going to amusement parks with Stevie.

I would describe my husband as - A big teddy bear. Sweet, romantic, athletic, honest, funny, intelligent and spontaneous. The perfect mate for me!

I would describe myself as - Athletic, romantic, emotional, dedicated, kind-hearted, honest.

My favorite pieces of advice to give people are - Treat people the way you'd like to be treated. Winners *make* it happen and losers *let* it happen.

The most influential people in my life are - God and Stevie. Stevie has helped me a lot with acting. He taught me how to be dedicated and never quit.

My greatest personal accomplishment — Surviving acting school in New York and not getting mugged.

If I could live in another time, it would be - The1920s. I love the era's music and fashion. Everybody seemed to be so alive and enjoying life.

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Actress Debra McMichael, Mrs. Illinois 1986 and Mrs. Texas 1992, likes to munch hot dogs and watch husband Steve sack quarterbacks. And, she admits, she also enjoys the occasional good fight in the stands.

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"It just affects too small of a mass -- too small of a mass got a positive benefit."

-- Sean Jones on free agency

Jones sees middle class left out

by Al Pahl
Managing Editor

Sports are a microcosm of life.

This writer has always believed that and finds that one of the most fascinating aspects of this business. And just as the rich are getting richer while the poor get poorer in America today, the same thing is happening in pro football.

The most talented players, who already were the richest, now have even greater ability to get richer, because free agency allows them to drag teams into bidding wars over their services. Bidding always escalates prices — hence the rich get richer.

But because of the salary cap, making the rich richer simultaneously makes the poor poorer. Don Davey has already taken two pay cuts. Matt Brock took one. So did Mike Prior, Steve McMichael, Darrell Thompson.

Defensive end Sean Jones used free agency to improve his salary and working conditions (and, in his opinion, his chances at a Super Bowl) but he sees very acutely the other side of the situation as well.

The spring day Jones, a Beverly Hills stockbroker in the off-season, met the Packer media for the first time he characterized free agency as "a joke."

Despite the fact it allowed him to choose to come here, he still believes it's a joke, although he admits that, in a way, "I'm the wrong person to talk about it because I had good choices — I ended up going someplace where I wanted to," he said during a recent interview. "Ron (Wolf) and I talked about something like this happening two years ago and it came to fruition. But there are other guys who didn't have these choices. Some guys didn't have the choice.

Defensive end Sean Jones sees the middle class of NFL players being hurt by the current free agency system.

-- James V. Biever photo

"Look just at this team. Look at Matt Brock. I think the problem with the agreement — we had to get *some* kind of agreement — and when you have an agreement, you're going to get a fallout of complaints. But they should be coming from a minority. When the majority is complaining, there has to be a problem with the agreement as it stands. It just affects too small of a mass — too small of a mass got a positive benefit."

The guys who got hurt the most are the middle group of talent. "The guys who are supposed to be the backbone of your team and that's why I don't agree with it," Jones said. "They look at me and say, 'What are you complaining about? You did good.' But that is the same thing that starts anarchy. That's what started the whole (uproar) back in medieval times. You can't just look at the middle class and look at your core group of people and say, 'Well, everyone else around you is excelling, to hell with the bulk of your people who actually pay the taxes.'"

In another matter, Jones had this to say about his former employer, the Houston Oilers: "They put too much emphasis on individual goals. Once the regular season was over and you had attained those goals, all of a sudden you had to go into a 'team' mode and it was hard for a lot of guys to make that transition, I really believe. So, they screwed it up.

"Here, I just get paid straight time. There's no overtime. There's no commission. I just get paid to play and I know with the God-given ability I have and with the guys surrounding me, if we're having a good year as a team, I'm going to be having a good year personally. It goes hand-in-hand."

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"I don't think the system is unfair. As the players live with it, they'll find it does reward those who are the stars...I don't think you can ask for anything more."

-- Packer President Bob Harlan

Harlan sees business principles

by Al Pahl
Managing Editor

The salary cap brings business principles to pro football and balances potentially declining veteran productivity along with rookie potential.

So said Packer President Bob Harlan recently on The Fifth Quarter, a Green Bay radio show hosted by WGEE/WIXX Sports Director Mark Daniels, who updates the *Packer Report* hotline.

"What the cap does is it rewards productivity," Harlan said. "I think it takes the same business principles of any other business. It takes your marquee performers, they make the big money. They always will make the big money — they're the ones who deserve it.

"It takes your rookies who might have the great credentials from college but have never stepped on an NFL field. It makes them come in and prove themselves and reach the point that by the time they're ready to become a free agent, maybe they're ready for those high numbers; maybe they'll be in that category.

"But in the old days, you would draft players who you thought were going to be good, pay them a huge signing bonus — they were always among your top-paid players — and if they were a huge disappointment, I think it caused problems on your club," Harlan said. "And we've all had examples; we can all go back and name players who have been disappointments.

BOB HARLAN
Packer president sees salary cap as rewarding major contributors.

"At the same time, it takes some of your older players whose skills are diminishing — they used to automatically get a 10-percent payraise — now they can still be in the league, still make a six-figure salary, still pick up another year toward the pension," Harlan said. "But they have to take a reduced salary. So I don't think the system is unfair. I think as the players live with it, they'll find it does reward those who are the stars of the game and I don't think you can ask for anything more than that."

Which brought Daniels around to bringing up the case of veteran quarterback Phil Simms, reportedly released because of salary-cap considerations. "I think if there is a veteran like Phil Simms who is let go and a lot of people still think he has ability, people are still going to go after him," Harlan said. "It's not a case that he's being ignored just because of numbers, because people are taking new numbers. Maybe there's more to the Phil Simms story than you've heard.

"But my point is a lot of big-name players have left their clubs and wound up with many offers from other teams. We've been in that situation in Green Bay. We've made offers to a lot of veterans, some of whom have come here, some of whom haven't. But the chance is still there to make a very attractive salary. And like I say, it adds onto that pension. It's not a bad life and I think most players will find that out as time goes by."

Spending starts with executive committee

by Al Pahl
Managing Editor

Any talk of free agency inherently involves talking about spending money. It wasn't so long ago that the Packers were perceived as unwilling to spend money.

That was back in the days before Reggie White, Brett Favre and the $4.2 million Don Hutson Center, which features a million-dollar playing surface.

There is no longer a public perception that the Packers won't spend money.

Providing the best for Holmgren, Wolf

Packer President Bob Harlan discussed the change in that perception on a recent edition of The Fifth Quarter, a Green Bay radio show hosted by WGEE/WIXX Sports Director Mark Daniels, who updates the *Packer Report* hotline.

"First of all, we have a very aggressive executive committee," he began. "I have tried to take the approach, particularly since we got Ron Wolf and Mike Holmgren, that we would give them whatever they need to be competitive. And I think that's our job — our job as an executive committee is to oversee this operation, see to it that we remain solvent; be very careful what we do with our money, but spend it in the right way. We make our money in football and we spend our money in football.

"And what we've tried to do is give Ron and Mike the best players we possibly can and the best facilities so that as they talk to free agents, they can present them with an attractive situation. I think we have done that.

"At the same time, we've been able to put some more money in reserve and all we do with that money is we just reinvest it in this club — it's either used for players or facilities, that's all we do with it," Harlan said. "I just think there is a very strong commitment on the part of this organization to be competitive, to be in the playoff hunt and I think unless you take that approach, to get somebody like a Ron Wolf to come to Green Bay is extremely difficult."

The same thing might be said for Mike Holmgren. "He was with a ballclub that has a huge reputation for spending a lot of money," Harlan pointed out. "I think the reputation of the Packers has changed dramatically. In Plan B and in

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Packer alums return Sunday

NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT

While third-year Head Coach Sam Wyche and his Buccaneers get little respect from even their home crowd, who knows what a fifth-place schedule could do in the balanced NFC Central Division?

Despite playing to a half-capacity gathering of just 36,631 fans in their home opener, the Bucs opened some eyes with a 24-10 conquest of the Colts. They opened 1-1, along with the rest of the division.

Should the host Floridians have beaten the Saints for a second win Sunday, they will come to Lambeau highly motivated as well as dangerous -- prime among the four former Packers: Starters tight end Jackie Harris and halfback Vince Workman; reserves Charles Wilson, wide receiver, and Mike McGruder, cornerback.

The Bucs have always been difficult for Green Bay, even though the Packers have managed six wins in their last seven meetings, to break a 11-11 deadlock and take a 17-12 series advantage.

In particular, the Pack has had difficulty against Tampa at Lambeau — as evidenced by the teams playing nail-biters in the last four encounters there.

This year's edition of the Bucs emphasizes its offensive and defensive fronts rather than its "skilled" positions. If Wyche's troops can produce up front on both sides of the ball, they have the ingredients as well as the schedule to make a run for the playoffs.

Erickson provides groom time for Dilfer

While the Bucs paid big bucks for No. 1 draft choice quarterback Trent Dilfer (quarterback), it's three-year signal-caller Craig Erickson who is starting.

Erickson, operating behind superb pro-

Jim Burgess

tection, completed 37-of-56 for 510 yards and three TDs after two weeks. With ample protection came no interceptions.

Dilfer, the Fresno State product, is too good not to eventually get his chance. For the time being, the Bucs can afford the luxury of grooming him behind Erickson. Former Florida State QB Casey Weldon is also a capable backup.

Erickson operates behind a talented veteran line of tackles Paul Gruber and Tim Irwin, guards Ian Beckles and Scott Dill, and center Tony Mayberry.

The Bucs can go nine-deep with little performance lost by bringing in backups Charles McRae and youngsters Mike Sullivan, Sean Love, and Jim Pyne.

Much of the rest of Tampa's offense rests in the hands of Workman, Harris, and Wilson, who would doubtless relish a win.

Workman likely will split time with 2nd-rounder Eric Rhett (Florida). Anthony McDowell is the blocking fullback.

Wilson is part of a receiving corps that includes Courtney Hawkins, Willie Green, Lamar Thomas and Lawrence Dawsey, when he returns from a knee injury suffered last October. Hawkins returned from a pre-season broken hand in Week Two.

Harris is more an integral part of the Bucs' offense than he was in Green Bay. As Packer fans know, he is big, swift and makes life miserable for linebackers.

Former Viking coach installs 4-2-5

Defensive Coordinator Floyd Peters has installed a 4-2-5 alignment, utilizing an extra defensive back, Barney Bussey, who serves as a linebacker-safety, primarily covering backs out of the backfield.

Peters' aim is to get inside pressure from tackles Santana Dotson and Mark Wheeler. Outside pressure will come at right end from 1993 top draft pick Eric Curry and left end Jeff Hunter, acquired from Miami.

Spearheading the "D" is relentless middle linebacker Hardy Nickerson who did everything last year except carry the water bucket. The Pro Bowler who recorded a team-record 214 tackles in 1993.

Complementing Nickerson in the two-linebacker alignment is Lonnie Marts, whose major focus is covering tight ends. Marts came to the Bucs via unrestricted free agency from Kansas City.

Free safety Thomas Everett, obtained in a swap with Dallas, and strong safety Marty Carter provide a pair of hard hitters.

Martin Mayhew moves to right corner with free-agents McGruder, Tony Stargell and Charles Dimry in a weekly battle for more playing time at right corner.

Kicker opens at 80% for FG

Placekicker Michael Husted was 16-of-22 last year and connected on one 57-yarder. His only miss in his first five tries this year was from that distance.

With Hawkins out, four-year man Vernon Turner was the prime returner early. He was steady, but un-spectactular.

Jim Burgess free lances for us out of Green Bay, where he teaches media at West High School.

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5	Michael Husted	PK	6-0	190	24	2	Virginia
7	Craig Erickson	QB	6-2	215	25	3	Miami (FL)
11	Casey Weldon	QB	6-1	206	25	3	Florida St.
12	Trent Dilfer	QB	6-4	230	22	R	Fresno St.
22	Thomas Everett	S	5-9	192	29	8	Baylor
23	Marty Carter	S	6-1	203	24	4	M. Tennessee St.
25	Tony Covington	S	5-11	195	26	4	Virginia
26	Rogerick Green	CB	6-0	185	24	3	Kansas St.
27	Barney Bussey	S	6-0	210	32	9	S. Carolina St.
28	Curtis Buckley	S	6-0	191	23	2	East Texas St.
30	Vernon Turner	KR	5-8	182	27	4	Carson Newman
31	Mazio Royster	RB	6-1	204	24	3	USC
32	Errict Rhett	RB	5-11	210	23	R	Florida
33	Anthony McDowell	FB	5-11	242	25	3	Texas Tech
35	Martin Mayhew	CB	5-8	178	28	7	Florida St.
38	Mike McGruder	CB	5-10	184	30	5	Kent
39	Charles Dimry	CB	6-0	175	28	7	UNLV
43	Rudy Harris	FB	6-1	255	22	2	Clemson
45	Tony Stargeil	CB	5-11	186	28	5	Tennessee St.
46	Vince Workman	RB	5-10	205	25	6	Ohio St.
47	John Lynch	S	6-2	220	22	2	Stanford
53	Ed Brady	LB	6-2	240	32	11	Illinois
55	Lonnie Marts	LB	6-1	244	25	5	Tulane
56	Hardy Nickerson	LB	6-2	234	28	8	California
57	Jeff Brady	LB	6-1	238	25	4	Kentucky
60	Jim Pyne	C	6-2	282	22	R	Virginia Tech
61	Tony Mayberry	C	6-4	294	26	5	Wake Forest
62	Ian Beckles	G	6-1	295	27	5	Indiana
67	Mike Sullivan	G	6-3	290	26	3	Miami (FL)
70	Charles McRae	T	6-7	302	25	4	Tennessee
71	Santana Dobson	DT	6-5	276	24	3	Baylor
72	Chidi Ahanotu	DE	6-2	287	23	2	California
73	Brad Culpepper	DT	6-1	260	26	3	Florida
74	Paul Gruber	T	6-5	294	29	7	Wisconsin
75	Eric Curry	DE	6-5	272	24	2	Alabama
76	Scott Dill	G	6-5	296	28	7	Memphis St.
77	Mark Wheeler	DT	6-2	284	24	3	Texas A&M
78	Tim Irwin	T	6-7	314	35	14	Tennessee
79	Sean Love	G	6-3	302	25	2	Penn State
81	Jackie Harris	TE	6-4	248	26	5	NE Louisiana
82	Willie Green	WR	6-2	186	28	5	Mississippi
83	Dave Moore	TE	6-2	247	24	2	Pittsburgh
84	Charles Wilson	WR	5-10	188	26	4	Memphis St.
85	Courtney Hawkins	WR	5-9	183	24	3	Michigan St.
86	Tyji Armstrong	TE	6-4	278	23	3	Mississippi
87	Lamar Thomas	WR	6-1	170	24	2	Miami (FL)
88	Horace Copeland	WR	6-2	195	23	2	Miami (FL)
89	Harold Bishop	TE	6-4	255	24	R	LSU
91	Karl Wilson	DE	6-5	277	30	7	LSU
92	Shawn Price	DE	6-5	274	24	2	Pacific
93	Demetrius DuBose	LB	6-1	240	23	2	Notre Dame
97	Jeff Hunter	DE	6-4	288	28	5	Albany St.

"How acquired" Legend

D - Drafted by Packers, followed by round
UFA - Signed as an unrestricted free agent
T - Trade
FA- Signed as a free agent
W - Waivers
PB - Plan B

Packers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acquired
4	Brett Favre	QB	6-2	222	24	4	S. Mississippi	T-92 (Atl)
8	Mark Brunell	QB	6-1	208	23	2	Washington	D5a-93
11	Ty Detmer	QB	6-0	186	26	3	Brigham Young	D9a-92
13	Chris Jacke	K	6-0	200	28	6	Texas-El Paso	D6-89
17	Craig Hentrich	P/K	6-3	200	23	1	Notre Dame	FA-93
22	Lenny McGill	CB	6-1	194	23	R	Arizona State	FA-94
24	Tim Hauck	S	5-10	187	27	5	Montana	PB-91 (NE)
25	Dorsey Levens	RB	6-1	235	24	R	Georgia Tech	D5b-94
26	Darrell Thompson	RB	6-1	217	26	5	Minnesota	UFA-94 (D 1b-90)
27	Terrell Buckley	CB	5-9	176	23	3	Florida State	D1-92
29	Marcus Wilson	RB	6-1	215	26	3	Virginia	FA-92
30	Corey Harris	CB	5-11	195	24	3	Vanderbilt	W-92 (Hou)
31	George Teague	S	6-1	190	23	2	Alabama	D1b-93
32	Reggie Cobb	RB	6-0	215	26	5	Tennessee	UFA-94 (TB)
33	Doug Evans	CB	6-0	188	24	2	Louisiana Teach	D6a-93
34	Edgar Bennett	FB	6-0	224	25	3	Florida State	D4-92
36	LeRoy Butler	S	6-0	197	26	5	Florida State	D2-90
39	Mike Prior	S	6-0	215	30	9	Illinois State	UFA-93 (Ind)
42	LeShon Johnson	RB	5-11	200	23	R	Northern Illinois	D3-94
51	Mark Williams	LB	6-3	240	23	R	Ohio State	FA-94
52	Frank Winters	C/G	6-3	290	30	8	W. Illinois	PB-92 (KC)
53	George Koonce	LB	6-1	240	25	3	East Carolina	FA-92
55	Fred Strickland	LB	6-2	250	27	7	Purdue	UFA-94(MN)
56	James Willis	LB	6-1	235	21	2	Auburn	D5b-93
58	Ruffin Hamilton-	LB	6-1	230	23	R	Tulane	D6b-94
59	Wayne Simmons	LB	6-2	240	24	2	Clemson	D1a-93
62	Guy McIntyre	G	6-3	265	33	11	Georgia	UFA-94(SF)
63	Jamie Dukes	C/G	6-2	295	30	9	Florida Stt	FA-94
64	John Jurkovic	NT	6-2	290	26	3	Eastern Illinois	FA-91
67	Paul Hutchins	T	6-4	335	24	2	W. Michigan	FA-93 (D6b-93)
68	Joe Sims	T	6-3	310	25	4	Nebraska	FA-92
71	Gary Brown	T	6-4	294	23	R	Georgia Tech.	W-94 (Pitt.)
72	Earl Dotson	T	6-3	310	23	2	Texas A&I	D3-93
75	Ken Ruettgers	T	6-6	290	31	10	S. California	D1-85
76	Harry Galbreath	G	6-1	285	29	7	Tennessee	UFA-93 (Mia)
78	Alai Kalaniuvalu	G	6-3	298	22	R	Oregon State	W-94 (Wash)
80	Charles Jordan	WR	5-10	175	24	2	Long Beach Cty Coll.	T-94 (Raid)
81	Anthony Morgan	WR	6-1	195	26	4	Tennessee	W-93 (Chi)
83	Jeff Wilner	TE	6-4	250	22	R	Wesleyan (Conn.)	FA-94
84	Sterling Sharpe	WR	6-1	207	29	7	South Carolina	D1-88
85	Ron Lewis	WR	5-11	192	26	5	Florida State	FA-93 (W-92)
86	Ed West	TE	6-1	250	32	11	Auburn	FA-93 (FA-84)
87	Robert Brooks	WR	6-0	175	24	3	South Carolina	D3-92
88	Terry Mickens	WR	6-0	200	23	R	Florida A&M	D5a-94
89	Mark Chmura	TE	6-5	253	25	3	Boston College	D6-92
90	Steve McMichael	DT	6-2	270	36	15	Texas	FA-94(
92	Reggie White	DE	6-5	295	31	10	Tennesseet	UFA-93(Phil)
93	Gilbert Brown	NT	6-2	330	23	2	Kansas	W-93 (Min)
94	Matt Brock	DT	6-6	280	28	6	Oregon	UFA-93 (D 3-89)
95	Bryce Paup	LB	6-5	247	26	5	Northern Iowa	D6-90
96	Sean Jones	DE	6-7	275	31	11	Northeastern	UFA-94 (Hou)
98	Gabe Wilkins	DE	6-4	300	22	R	Gardner-Webb	D4-94
99	Don Davey	DE	6-4	270	26	4	Wisconsin	FA-92 (D3a-91)

INJURED RESERVE (out for season)

Player	injury	Date on
RB Kevin Williams	knee	Aug. 23
CB Sammy Walker	elbow	Aug. 23
DE Matt LaBounty	back	Aug. 23
CB Roland Mitchell	neck	Sept. 8

RESERVE/Physically Unable to Perform

Player	injury	Date on
G Aaron Taylor	knee	Aug. 25

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73 Jay Williams	DE	FA-94

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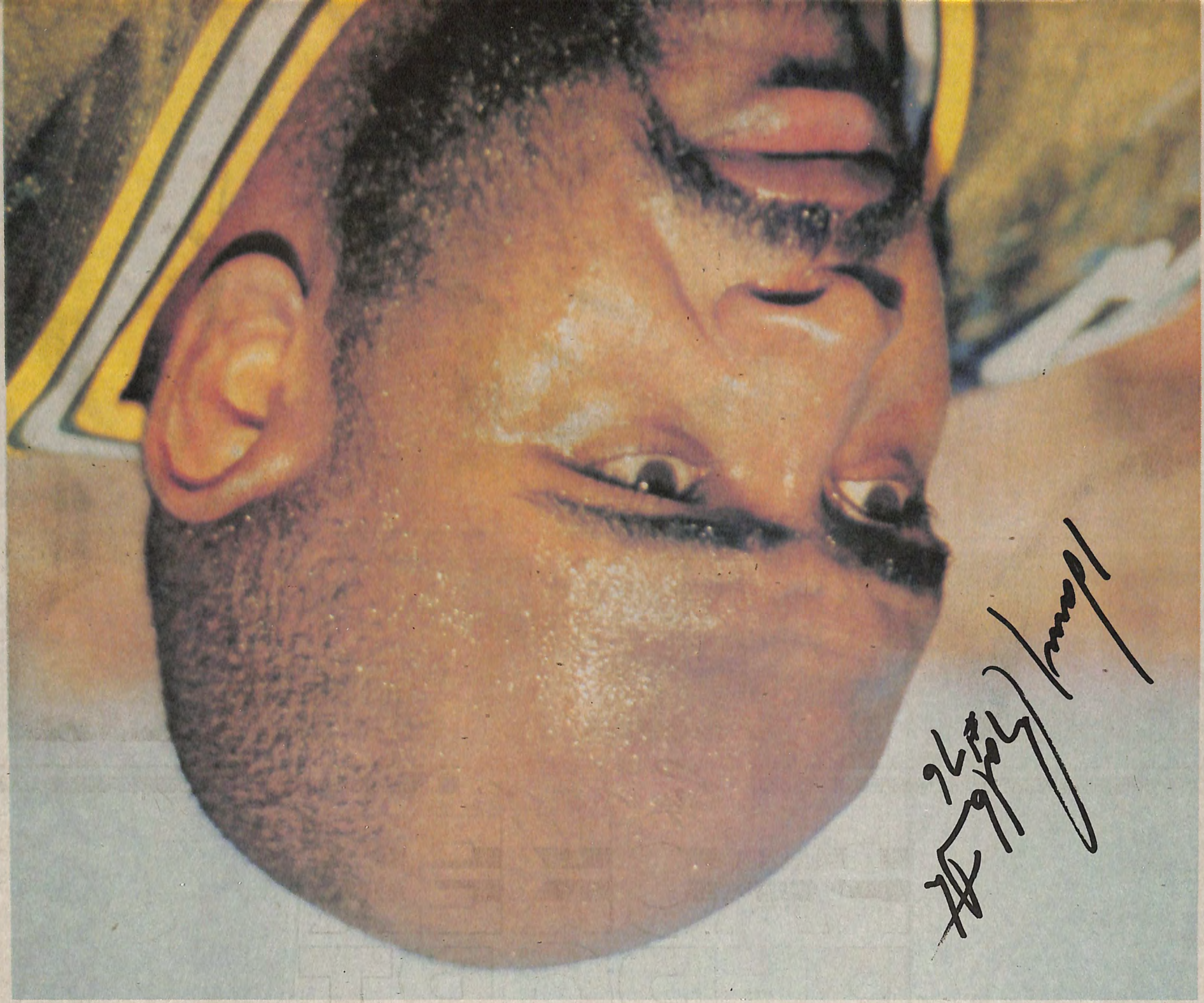

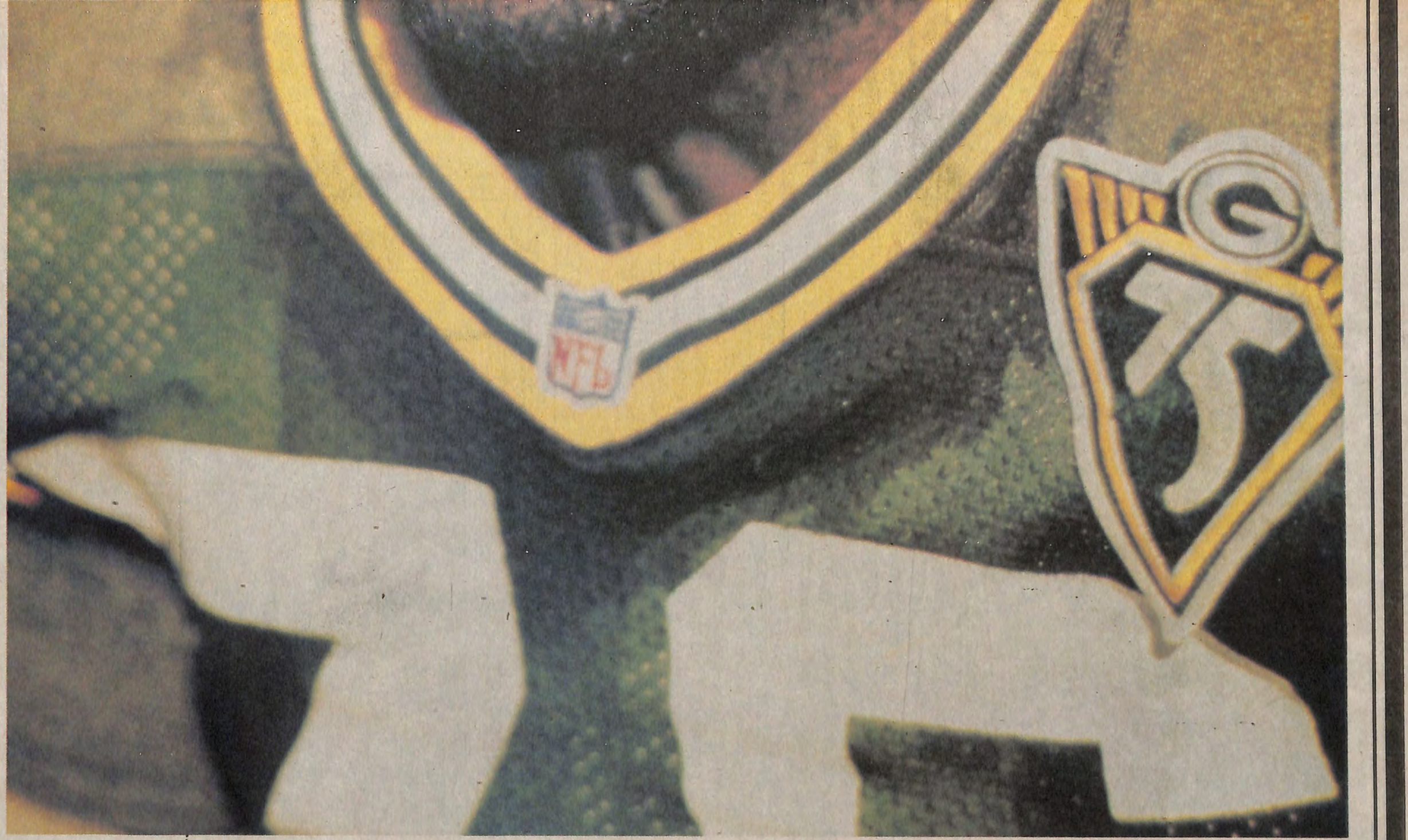

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Don Hutson

Still special, 49 years later

The National Football League is making a big fuss over its 75th anniversary.

And to keep the memory of its great player history alive, the League has reintroduced one of its icons — Don Hutson, the Packers' legendary pass receiver.

The NFL arranged a nationwide telephone conference call between the media and Hutson, from his home in Rancho Mirage, Calif. the other day.

Hutson really needs no introduction, but few people living today saw him actually play. There was no television during his 11-year career, 1935-45, but his great feats are recognized as gospel today.

For example, he still holds 10 NFL records for pass receiving and one amazing scoring record — 29 points in one quarter against our friends from Detroit. Plus, he was the first player in NFL history to gain more than 1,000 yards receiving in one season — 1942 when he caught 74 for 1,211 yards and, get this, 17 touchdowns. Mark Clayton broke that TD record 42 years later, 1984.

What a recognition boost

To me, it's just great that Don is getting this recognition boost at his stage in life. He turned 81 last January and already this year made it back to Green Bay to preside at the dedication of the Pack's new practice facility, the Don Hutson Center.

Another honor for Hutson was being named No. 1 among the top 35 players of all time for *Sports Illustrated*. "The reason I think he is the best player of all time is very, very simple. He dominated his era like no other player has in any other sport," said Peter King of *SI*. King named Hutson ahead of the great running back, Jim Brown, as the greatest pro football player of all time.

It was interesting that the nationwide conference would come the same week as today's greatest pass receiver, Jerry Rice of the 49ers, scored three touchdowns in his team's victory over the Raiders on Monday Night Football.

Passing only 10% of game then

Two of Rice's TDs came on pass receptions and the other on a rush. It was Rice's 127th career TD and thus broke the record set by Brown. The two TD catches gave Rice 120, an NFL record. Behind Rice is Steve Largent of Seattle with 100 and third is our Hutson with 99. Please note, 44 years lapsed before Largent broke the Hutson record.

It's fairly obvious but it must be reminded Hutson did his stuff in what could be called a non-passing era. Today, teams throw, as a general example, more than they rush. In Hutson's day it was about 10 to 1 in favor of rushing.

Hutson, in answer to a question, said he believes Rice is the best receiver in the history of pro football. Including Hutson? "Including everybody."

Art Daley

Unlike Joe Montana and Steve Young, the people that threw the ball to Hutson are pretty well forgotten other than in Packerland. His first passer was Arnie Herber, who made the Hall of Fame. He was followed by Cecil Isbell and then Irv Comp. Those were all tailbacks — unlike the quarterbacks of today.

Five PATs to boot

Curly Lambeau liked to give other backs a shot at passing — especially after Isbell left. For instance, when Hutson scored 29 points in one quarter he caught four TD passes from an obscure back named Tex McKay. Incidentally, Hutson also kicked field goals and points-after. In that big quarter he booted five PATs and had one blocked.

Hutson was blessed with big hands and it was interesting when he noted: "I watch a lot of football on TV and a lot of these people are still missing passes trying to catch it with their arms. Rice catches with the hands and that's that."

In regard to Sterling Sharpe's antics before the Packers' opener, Hutson said he couldn't fathom Sharpe's brief walkout "but that's a pretty tough thing for me to comment on. I don't know what to say about that. The idea of money has gotten so far out of hand that I can't believe it. I'm not going to criticize him because he'doing a fine job for the Packers."

Modest about today's players

Don grew quite modest when asked about players of today, saying, "I think generally speaking the players now are better than anything we had when I played. I don't think there is any question about that."

Take it from me, Hutson would be among the top three or four receivers today — plus he could play cornerback.

Hutson had great speed but his best thing was turning on a dime. "My last year of college they put me on the track team and I ran the 100 in 9.7. The world record was 9.5 and a year after that Jesse Owens set the record of 9.4," he said.

Postal Service helped Packers

How Hutson actually wound up in Green Bay is always an interesting story. Here's how Hutson explained it:

"It was the year before the draft and I was a free agent. Lambeau had scouted our team (Alabama) before the Rose Bowl and I had a good day but before I went to the Rose Bowl, this gets a little complicated, but Shipwreck Kelly (Brooklyn Dodgers) came to the practice field in Tuscaloosa. He said he'd pay me $500 if I agreed that I would not sign with anybody without him getting a chance to meet their terms.

"Well, it ended up, I began to get these offers from people. Lambeau was calling all the time. Shipwreck said I was supposed to call him if I got a better offer so I called him three times in New York and I never got an answer.

"So I signed with Green Bay. The next day Shipwreck showed up. He had been in Florida' and didn't get the call. He asked what the terms were. I said fine. I don't know anything else to do except sign with you and see what happens. The two contracts got to the commissioner's office and Green Bay was in the morning and Brooklyn's was in the afternoon, so they ruled I'd play with Green Bay."

And, I suppose, the U.S. Postal Service can be given an assist in possibly saving football for Green Bay and getting it out of Brooklyn. By the way, the price of a postage stamp in 1935 was THREE cents.

Art Daley, founder of Packer Yearbook, retired as Green Bay Press-Gazette sports editor in the 1970s. He's covered the Pack since '41 and was inducted into the Packer Hall of Fame in 1983.

Linebacker Bryce Paup sprains ankle Thursday

In addition to Guy McIntyre, linebacker Wayne Simmons (knee) was listed as definitely out of the Eagles' game.

Starting right tackle Joe Sims (foot) and reserve tight end Mark Chmura (hamstring) were questionable, which means there was a 50-50 chance they'd play. Chmura reaggravated the hamstring against Miami. After missing the previous contest, Sims started last week and was able to go about one half before being spelled by Paul Hutchins.

Starting linebacker Bryce Paup sprained his left ankle during Thursday's practice but said later he hoped to play Sunday at Philadelphia.

Neither starting right tackle Joe Sims nor No. 2 tight end Mark Chmura practiced for the second day Thursday.

Both were listed as questionable, meaning there's a 50-50 chance each will play.

If Sims can't play -- or if he can play only part of the game as happened last Sunday -- he will be replaced by Paul Hutchins as he was Sunday. Hutchins started the season opener Sept. 4 and played that entire contest.

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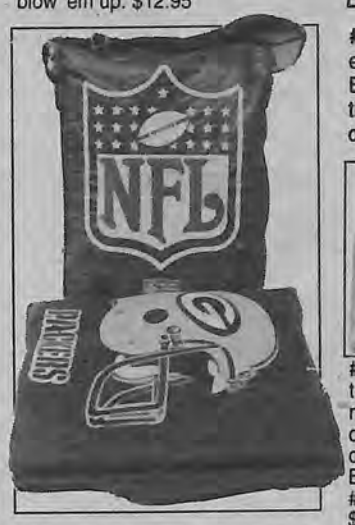

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Paper details Sharpe's contract

Sterling Sharpe's rewritten contract will keep him the NFL's highest-paid receiver from 1995 through 2000.

That was reported Thursday by the *Green Bay Press-Gazette*, citing a source with access to the revision.

Contrary to some reports, Sharpe did not, and will not, receive a signing bonus. The Packers did, however, come across with a $1.8 million advance on this year's salary when he re-signed Sept. 7.

The escalator clause in Sharpe's deal was raised and he no longer has to reach a performance incentive to receive it.

The new clause says that each season from 1995 through 2000, his pay will equal the average yearly salary of the NFL's highest-paid receiver, plus $1.

His 1993 clause paid him the average of the four high-paid receivers and kicked in only if he met an incentive clause. He had to achieve one of the following: Be named All-Pro or Pro Bowl or finish in the top three in the NFL in receptions or yards.

Jerry Rice has the highest average salary for receivers at about $3 million per year. The comparison clause doesn't affect Sharpe in 1994, but if it did, he'd receive Rice's $3M average plus $1.

The highest-paid receiver will be determined each year on Sept. 1. Rice's deal lasts through 1997, so if his average remains highest, Sharpe will make the approximately $3 million per year plus $1, in 1995, '96 and '97. Sharpe's pact provides $2.7 million this year.

No matter who the highest-paid receiver becomes, Sharpe gets $1 more.

Other receivers' salaries are defined as their average yearly pay over the length of their contracts.

Packers may not play in Milwaukee in 1995

If baseball's strike isn't settled by January, the Packers may not play in Milwaukee in 1995.

The Packers begin planning ticket distribution and game operations in January. Packer President Bob Harlan's concern goes like this: If the strike isn't settled, the Brewers may cut back on maintenance at Milwaukee County Stadium. If Harlan can't guarantee his people that the place will be in top shape, he's outta there. "I won't do that to our team," he told the *Green Bay Press-Gazette*.

If the Packers do leave Milwaukee for 1995, they will postpone a longer-term decision until probably January, 1996.

The Packers' long-term decision will be based on whether there are concrete plans to build a new Milwaukee stadium. A commission appointed by Wisconsin's governor is to recommend a plan for financing the new stadium by January.

But here's where the strike again enters it: Milwaukee Brewers' owner Bud Selig, a member of the Packer board of directors, has said his baseball team can survive in Milwaukee only if there's more revenue sharing among owners. The commission has to know the details of the revenue sharing before it can recommend how to finance the field. But the revenue-sharing details won't be known until the strike is settled.

Harlan has said that if there's no definite plan to have a new stadium finished by about 1998, the Packers will probably leave Milwaukee for good.

Early kick returns have Pack concerned

The Packers know that looking at statistics after only two games doesn't prove much but they are concerned about their return teams.

Green Bay, which led the league in kickoff returns a year ago and was fourth in punt returns, was 27th in kickoff returns and 26th on punts after two games this year.

After two games, the Packers averaged 24.7 yards per kickoff return, compared to 32.2 a year ago.

"We've had to do some substituting there: Coach Mike Holmgren pointed out. "We have some new people up front in the five guys who line up. We're working with that.

"You'll see that statistic jump around a lot. If you happen to pop a couple, then you move up dramatically. We had a good one (against Miami) but it was called back because of a penalty. But we look at all those things on a weekly basis."

Given the fact Corey Harris and Robert Brooks are more than capable, consider the "wedge," where injuries forced the Packers to use Don Davey instead of Earl Dotson. Dotson, an offensive tackle who obviously works at blocking every day, played against Miami but was not 100 percent.

Another factor could be the addition of rookies Jeff Wilner, Ruffin Hamilton and Mark Williams.

The Packers also are working with some other returners in practice, including speedsters LeShon Johnson and Charles Jordan.

McIntyre will miss three months, minimum

Starting left guard Guy McIntyre has returned home from the hospital but will be lost to the Packers for a minimum of three months, Coach Mike Holmgren said Wednesday. That's how long he'll be on anticoagulants as doctors treat a blood clot in his leg discovered early last week.

"There's a possibility" McIntyre will be put on injured reserve, said Holmgren, who would automatically lose the former 49er for the entire season if he went on IR. "Right now we're not going to do that. It's just going to stay the way it is because I suppose there's a chance something could happen sooner. You always hope for that."

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It was miraculous the Packers even had the ball to have the opportunity at that point. They had punted to the Eagles with 5:03 to play, giving the home team the ball at their own two yardline. Leading by six, the Eagles simply had to hold onto the ball.

With 2:13 left, they had second-and-eight at the 33. Steve McMichael and Don Davey stormed in with Davey knocking the ball loose and Sean Jones pouncing on it at the 11 — just 11 yards from winning the game with 2:03 to play.

"I was playing for Jurko. I was playing over the nose," Dave recounted. "He dropped back. McMichael had a great rush and had him around the ankles. Randall was trying to squirm away from him. I just had a free shot at him. I just got up the field. I saw him holding the ball and tried to put my facemask right on the ball. As soon as I did, the ball came squirting out.

"If we march it in and score, then that's a great play. But it doesn't really mean much when you do that in a loss."

When these two teams met two years ago at Milwaukee, it was Davey who knocked the ball out of Herschel Walker's hands, setting up the game-winning drive in the final quarter.

"It's funny," Davey said Sunday, "before we went in for that last series, I told Matt Brock I had to go in and do the same thing I did a couple years ago.

"I remember that game I had to come in and play nose (then also) for some reason," he added. "I came out, made another big play, knocked the ball loose, but it didn't turn out the way it did a couple years ago"

Bennett stacked up for no gain

The Packer offense had misfired on another scoring opportunity about eight minutes sooner when they failed to convert a fourth-and-one 34 yards from paydirt. Bennett ran left and was stacked up for no gain.

"I reacted to what I saw," the fullback said. "It's designed to get the first down. But we didn't execute it. It can go wherever the gaps are."

Admitted Holmgren, "We didn't block the play very well. That one I expect to get most of the time. It's a play we practice a lot. We just didn't get it done for whatever reason. I'll know more after I see the film.

"That one hurt. That one hurt. That situation hurt because we had gotten ourselves out of a hole and into pretty decent position. We needed a first down.

"We were struggling a little bit offensively today," Holmgren said. "Right now we are struggling a little bit on offense. Our defense played a very good game. As soon as we even that off, we'll start doing better."

One evidence the offense struggled was the number of dropped passes. "I thought so too," Holmgren said. "I wasn't very happy with that. If you are being paid to catch the ball, you gotta catch it. I've made that very clear to our team. That's a pretty simple rule.

"Sometimes it's not their fault — it's uncatchable or it's a tough catch — but we have to do better in that area."

The Packers were also penalized 67 yards on eight infractions. "Penalties, dropped passes, those types of things will always bite you and they got us today," Holmgren said.

Buckley's pick leads to only TD

The Packers, who had the ball for only 4:05 in the third quarter and made no first downs with it, had actually drawn first blood in the game, scoring on a drive set up by Terrell Buckley's first interception of the season.

On the Eagles' second possession of the day, Randall Cunningham had just tested Buckley, throwing deep up the right side. Buckley was stride-for-stride with Calvin Williams and knocked the pass away inside the 10.

Two plays later it was third-and-seven from the 36. The Packers massed people at the line. Linebacker James Willis showed blitz over the center.

When he backed off, Cunningham backed into a shotgun. Corey Harris did blitz, from the outside on the defense's left. He and others pressured Cunningham and had him on the run. The harried Eagle quarterback threw into the back of the end zone for Victor Bailey, but Buckley turned at precisely the right time, leaped and came down with the ball, falling to the turf in the arms of Bailey.

Starting their second possession of the game at the 20 with 6:21 left in the first quarter, Favre directed the Packers on an 80-yard, 14-play drive which ate up 6:16 and was culminated by Reggie Cobb's 37-yard catch-and-run for the game's first touchdown.

Key third-down plays were: Favre's eight-yard scramble from the Packer 23 when he needed seven yards; and his flair to Bennett coming out of the backfield for six yards from the Eagle 43.

Three plays later it was third down again, this time on the Eagle 37; 10 yards to go. Favre was flushed out of the pocket and up the middle. Running toward the line, he threw a strike to his left where Cobb was totally alone near the sidelines. He raced untouched toward the end zone and wasn't hit until about the three, but by then he had momentum on his side and fell into the end zone for six points, just five seconds before the first quarter expired.

Gilbert Brown sacks Cunningham

The Packer defense then held the Eagles to one first down on their next two possessions. The second drive was ended in large part due to Gilbert Brown's eight-yard sack of Cunningham, whose Eagles where booed soundly when they failed to make a first down two plays later.

However, the Packers proceeded to blow not one but two scoring opportunities on their ensuing series — ultimately allowing the Eagles to get on the board with a field goal as time ran out of the first half.

It looked like the Packers were starting out right — Brooks was fluid on a 49-yard punt return which carried to the Eagle 13 yardline. Brooks caught the ball at his 38, headed up the middle and then streaked to the right sidelines. Eventually, punter Mitch Berger stayed in front of him well enough, and Brooks was slowed enough, that linebacker Marc Woodward could catch up, dragging the wide receiver down with Berger's help.

But Ruffin Hamilton was whistled for blocking below the waist on the return. So officially, Brooks got a nine-yard return and a 15-yard penalty was assessed from there, forcing the Packers to start at their own 29 instead of Philadelphia's 13. Instead of being 13 yards from paydirt, Favre and Co. were 71 yards away, a net difference of -58 yards.

LeShon runs well on screen

The Packers battled well from there, overcoming a holding penalty en route to a first down at the 41.

After a sack, Favre hit LeShon Johnson on a screen right, the rookie high stepped over a diving tackle attempt and sprinted across midfield to the Eagle 28.

On third-and-14 from the Eagle 32, Favre was hit by two Eagles while attempting to throw. He appeared to be trying to throw the ball out of the end zone — it was well over Sharpe's head at about the five yardline but safety Michael Zordich caught up with the pass before it could cross the back line, intercepting it in the end zone.

In a drive which showcased Cunningham's athletic ability, he drove the Eagles 71 yards on nine plays in the final 49 seconds of the half. Eddie Murray capped it with a 26-yard field goal as time ran out.

The big play of the drive was two old friends — two of the league's finest athletes — battling in the middle of the field. Cunningham overcame White. He fended off the diving defensive end, escaped to the right side and threw 34 yards to Williams, giving the Eagles a first down at the Packer nine yardline, 12 seconds before halftime. Two plays later the Eagles kicked a 26-yard field goal for their first points of the game.

Two plays into the second half, William Fuller forced a Cobb fumble at the Packer 27. Cunningham and Company needed only seven plays to score what proved to be the game-winning touchdown.

A Favre fumble (which he recovered) and a sack contributed to the Packers' inability to move the ball when they got it back and the Eagles followed that up with a nine-play, 36-yard drive which netted them a field goal — the final points which would be scored this day.

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We cheer from Howie's

Dear Packer Report,

The first thing I would like to say is that I have been a proud Packer fan from Milwaukee since the day my grandfather showed me the finer points of football, including, Starr, Hornung and Nitschke.

Living over 1,400 miles from Wisconsin since 1960, has never suppressed my dedication to the Green and Gold. Thanks to Packer Report for keeping those ties even closer.

I'm very happy with the Green Bay turnaround. Coach Holmgren has formed a truly amazing team. Sure there is still some building to be done, but, I truly believe that the Pack will prove they're back.

I take a lot of ribbing from my fellow employees who are either closet Cowboy fans or Raider fans. To the latter I say, remember the frozen shutout!

Thanks for a great publication on the Packers and the great article on Howie's Sports Page in Albuquerque where you'll find myself and many other true Packer Backers every game.

Sincerely,
Jim Tuma
Albuquerque, NM

Loyalty: A two way street?

A win over those purple pests finally. It is a great start to what can be a great season. But what I am most disappointed about is the recent turn of events concerning Sterling Sharpe. Management is mostly portrayed by the players as unfeeling, stingy, and uninterested in the players' welfare. Well I believe loyalty works both ways. Here is a man who signed a long-term contract and decides a few years into his contract that it is no longer satisfactory and therefore he has no obligation to honor that contract. The real problem here is the way he went about this; by waiting until the eve of the first game and then basically held up the team for more money. This not only shows what Mr. Sharpe is really concerned about, but how about the message it sends to his teammates? I think the line "I don't care" would describe it accurately.

One of the many diehard groups of New Jersey Packer fans. This gang got together at the home of Mike and Debbie Newman in Sergeantsville.

Before going any further I will say this: The man in this fan's opinion is the best at his position and should be paid that way. I just think he could have handled the situation much better than he did, regardlesds of the fact that management may not have seemed receptive to the fact he wanted his contract restructured.

I have to say that while Sterling Sharpe is extremely talented, it is a shame he falls somewhat short in the character department, and yes I understand, Mr. Sharpe, that you are not in Green Bay to make friends, but to help the Packers back to where they used to be. However, when you treat the fans the way you do, and now you show your teammates what you think of them, another phrase comes to mind "What goes around comes around."

I think the fans have the responsibility of respecting the players' right to privacy, I also believe it is the players' responsibility to make himself available when time permits to say, sign a little girl's autograph.

I like the fact that Sterling Sharpe is someone who strongly believes in his convictions, but I would like to point one thing out to him: Sterling, even a man who believes in what he does will question and reevaluate his position from time to time, do you?

Michael Degnan
Lamar, CO

Me, me me

Dear Al,

Sterling Sharpe typifies many of today's athlete's — the me, me, me attitude! I don't care how good an individual he is — if he's not part of the team, he's part of the problem!

Walking off the field on the eve of a game when you're already making $2 million is a problem. He's letting his teammates down. They rely on him and whether he knows it or not he relies on them. Sterling obviously doesn't realize this, but he alone didn't catch over 100 passes the last two seasons. Each reception was a 100% total team effort. Many factors go into a successful pass play — it takes 11 players doing their jobs correctly — a team effort. The records are a team accomplishment.

If I'm Coach Holmgren I want team players, someone who is ready 16 games a year, 60 minutes a game for the team. Walking off the field was a selfish act and I've lost all respect for Sharpe. I think we'll have more trouble with Sharpe in the future over money.

I say we should've traded him for the second pick in last year's draft, got Marshall Faulk and really started running the ball! If we don't this year we're making a big mistake. I'm fed up with Sharpe — trade him after this season for a super back.

Go Pack,
Go Away Sharpe
Dave Bryan
Hilliard, OH

I asked Ron Wolf whether he sees this becoming an annual item with Sharpe and he replied, "I wouldn't think so."

Kiss me on the 50

Dear Packer Report,

I would normally never admit to being in agreement with Mike Ditka about anything, but I have to tell you that his comments during NBC's NFL Kickoff Report this afternoon were right on.

To heck with Sterling Sharpe. I wouldn't let him back on the team if he agreed to kiss me at high noon on the 50-yard line at Lambeau Field while the University of Wisconsin band marched by playing the Star Spangled Banner.

As far as I'm concerned, my Green & Gold #84 jersey represents Carroll Dale.

Sharpe's actions are absolutely beyond the pale. Ditka correctly labeled those actions as "mutiny." It wasn't so very long ago that we used to hang mutineers from the yardarm.

You don't have to print this, I just need to find a healthier way to deal with my anxieties.

Very truly yours,
Bruce Mitchell
Forest Grove, OR

I know what's in a name

Dear Mr. Daley,

The other day a co-worker approached me with the same question you asked in your article "What's really in a name in baseball or the NFL?" (*Packer Report*-August 27, 1994).

To answer your question what do the Dodgers dodge, they dodge trolleys! Let me quote Elliot Willensky from his book "When Brooklyn Was The World" "...In the 1890's, with Brooklynites scooting to get out of the way of all those newfangled electric trolleys that replaced the horsecars, the nickname 'Trolley Dodgers' became popular, soon abbreviated to 'Dodgers'..." (pg. 33).

This was not the first name the team had but it was the most fitting. In their history they have used names like The Bridegrooms, Brooklyn, The Robins and The Kings, for the county that Brooklyn comprises. And seeing that L.A. is rebuilding its old trolley system it would seem the name Dodgers has come full circle to be one of the more appropriate names in baseball or the NFL!

Sincerely,
Miguel Seda
Denver, CO

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Evans

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long....The rover position was more like a linebacker, too, but you didn't take on as many blocks."

Ironically, today as a professional, he admits, "They call me a big corner (at 6-1 and 188 pounds) around here...big and fast..(But) I don't get caught up in that, like size, as a player. I just go out and play hard."

Although now a starter, Evans has not been completely free of his special teams responsibilities, in which he made a major impact as a rookie. "I'm still on some special teams — I'm still on the kickoff coverage and punt return teams," he said, emphasizing that he welcomes those assignments.

"It's fine," said Evans, who last season was the No. 2 tackler on the Packers' kamikaze units, his contributions including two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. "Just being on the field and having an opportunity to shine — it's a chance to shine and make things happen, so that's fine with me."

The somewhat painful memory of the Miami game was still fresh and Doug admitted the Dolphins' offensive success had taken him by surprise.

"I didn't think they were going to come in and run the ball like that," he said. "We didn't think they had that good a running attack...and we missed some plays — we missed a lot of tackles that were converted into big plays for them.

"I know for sure we can play better than that. It's just that we didn't come prepared to stop the run. We didn't expect it. Once they established it, it was hard to get back into a mode to stop the run."

Brother Bobby plays in CFL

Evans insists, however, that that misadventure has not shaken his confidence in the defense.

"We're going to have a great year as a defensive ball team," he asserted. "I still think we'll be in the top three in the league. One game is not going to put us in the tank. We realize that and we're just going to come back stronger next week.

"I still believe that we are playoff contenders. We just have to put things together to become a good football team, and I think we will before the end — before it's too late."

Doug, whose full name is Douglas Edwards Evans — is not, as it might appear, named after the famous CBS network news anchor Douglas Edwards of an earlier day.

"I was named after the former governor of Louisiana, Edwin Edwards," he said. "That's what my mother tells me."

Doug is not the only member of his family employed in professional football. His brother, Bobby, a safety, is a member of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League. According to the latest statistics, Bobby has registered three interceptions to date.

"I talked to him last week," Doug informed, "and they're at the top of their division again this year. They're always contenders for the Grey Cup (the CFL's version of the Super Bowl).

"He likes it there," Evans acknowledged, "but who wouldn't want to be in the NFL? He does his job, but he still dreams of the NFL."

The subject returned to Doug's new role as a starter in Dick Jauron's secondary.

"It feels good. It feels like all the hard work I've done paid off," Evans said. "All the hard work, coming in as a low-round draft choice (sixth round), has paid off.

"(But) the thing I do realize is that, all the hard work I've done, I realize that I have to work even harder now to be a great starter...It's not enough just to be a starter."

Packer Executive Director of Public Relations Lee Remmel covered the team for the Green Bay Press-Gazette from the mid 1940s through the mid 1970s.

"Now you have a little bit younger, more business-savvy group on the executive committee."

-- Mark Daniels, WGEE/WIXX sports director

Spending

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the first year of free agency when Reggie White came here, I think it's been proven to players that before you go someplace, take a look at Green Bay. There's something that's going on there that's exciting. It's a team that wants to win, an organization that wants to win.

"I think people have found out it's a pretty good place to play football. Consequently, I think we have elevated ourselves because of the people in our football department, to where we are one of the elite organizations in this league now."

Committee change might be key

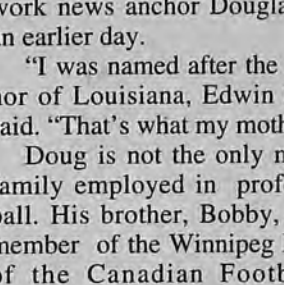
Daniels, a Green Bay native in his 15th season covering the Packers, then offered this insight: "Something he said that probably was the key to that whole answer: The changeover in the executive committee.

"That's something I think has really been important to the history of this franchise. Those guys served this city and organization well, don't get me wrong. Domenic Olejniczak, Fred Trowbridge, John Torinus, Tony Canadeo, they were on there from the 50s in some cases."

"Now you have a little bit younger, more business savvy group on the executive committee — John Fabry, Don Harden, Peter Platten," Daniels said. "And that's kind of gotten them to get their mindset changed and get into the whole real world of the NFL."

The team president is keenly aware of what the public perception had been. " I heard from people on talk shows and so forth, 'You guys don't care if you're 4-12 or 12-4. Your stadium is sold out. You have a huge waiting list for tickets and private boxes. All you want to do is make some money, fill up your seats and sit back and enjoy it,'" Harlan related.

"We don't (think that way) and I think we have definitely proven that point," Harlan said. "We have become very aggressive in the last six or seven years and we are going to continue to be that way."



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Pre-Season

Packers 14, Rams 6
Dolphins 31, Packers 24
Packers 13, Saints 10
Packers 24, Patriots 20

Regular Season		Packers	Opp.
Sun., Sept. 4	Vikings	16	10
Sun., Sept. 11	Dolphins at Milw.	24	14
Sun., Sept. 18	at Philadelphia	7	13
Sun., Sept. 25	Buccaneers	Noon	Fox
Sun., Oct. 2	at New England	Noon	Fox
Sun., Oct. 9	Rams	Noon	Fox
Sun., Oct. 16	BYE		
Thur., Oct. 20	at Minnesota	7 p.m.	TNT
Mon., Oct. 31	at Chicago	8 p.m.	ABC
Sun., Nov. 6	Detroit at MKE	Noon	Fox
Sun., Nov. 13	Jets	3 p.m.	NBC
Sun., Nov. 20	at Buffalo	Noon	Fox
Thur., Nov. 24	at Dallas	3 p.m.	Fox
Sun., Dec. 4	at Detroit	Noon	Fox
Sun., Dec. 11	Bears	Noon	Fox
Sun., Dec. 18	Falcons at MKE	Noon	Fox
Sat., Dec. 24	at Tampa	Noon	Fox

National TV game for sure. More *may* be announced later
ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL

(Central Time)

Week 1

Sunday, Sept. 4
Bears 21, Tampa Bay 9
Detroit 31, Atlanta 28 (ot)
Cleveland 28, Cincinnati 20
Indianapolis 45, Houston 21
Kansas City 30, New Orleans 17
PACKERS 16, Minnesota 10
N.Y. Giants 28, Philadelphia 23
Seattle 28, Washington 7
L.A. Rams 14, Arizona 12
Dallas 26, Pittsburgh 9
Miami 39, New England 35
N.Y. Jets 23, Buffalo 3
San Diego 37, Denver 34
Monday, Sept. 5
San Francisco 44, L.A. Raiders 14

Week 2

Sunday, Sept. 11
Buffalo 38, New England 35
Minnesota 10, Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 24, Indianapolis 10
Atlanta 31, L.A. Rams 13
Miami 24, **PACKERS** 14
Pittsburgh 17, Cleveland 10
Kansas City 24, San Francisco 17
San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10
N.Y. Jets 25, Denver 22 (ot)
Dallas 20, Houston 17
Seattle 38, L.A. Raiders 9
Washington 38, New Orleans 24
N.Y. Giants 20, Arizona 17
Monday, Sept. 12
Philadelphia 30, Bears 22

Week 3

Sunday, Sept. 18
Minnesota 42, Bears 14
Cleveland 32, Arizona 0
Buffalo 15, Houston 7
Philadelphia 13, **PACKERS** 7
Pittsburgh 31, Indianapolis 21
New England 31, Cincinnati 28
New Orleans 9, Tampa Bay 7
Miami 28, N.Y. Jets 14
L.A. Raiders 48, Denver 16
San Diego 24, Seattle 10
San Francisco 34, L.A. Rams 19
N.Y. Giants 31, Washington 23
Kansas City 30, Atlanta 10
Monday, Sept. 19
Detroit at Dallas .....8 p.m.

Week 4

BYE: Arizona, Dallas, N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia
Sunday, Sept. 25
Bears at N.Y. Jets .....7 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington .....Noon
Cleveland at Indianapolis .....Noon
L.A. Rams at Kansas City .....Noon
Miami at Minnesota .....Noon
Tampa Bay at **PACKERS** .....Noon
Cincinnati at Houston .....3 p.m.
New England at Detroit .....3 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco .....3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Seattle .....3 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Raiders .....3 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 26
Denver at Buffalo .....8 p.m.

Week 5

BYE: Denver, Kansas City, L.A. Raiders, San Diego
Sunday, Oct. 2
Buffalo at Bears .....3 p.m.
Dallas at Washington .....Noon
Detroit at Tampa Bay .....Noon
PACKERS at New England .....Noon
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland .....Noon
Seattle at Indianapolis .....Noon
Atlanta at L.A. Rams .....3 p.m.
Minnesota at Arizona .....3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans .....3 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco .....3 p.m.
Miami at Cincinnati .....7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 3
Houston at Pittsburgh .....8 p.m.

Week 6

BYE: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Pittsburgh
Sunday, Oct. 9
New Orleans at Bears .....Noon
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets .....Noon
L.A. Rams at **PACKERS** .....Noon
Miami at Buffalo .....Noon
San Francisco at Detroit .....Noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta .....Noon
Arizona at Dallas .....3 p.m.
Denver at Seattle .....3 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego .....3 p.m.
L.A. Raiders at New England .....3 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia .....7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 10
Minnesota at N.Y. Giants .....8 p.m.

Week 7

BYE: Chicago, Detroit, PACKERS, Minnesota, Seattle, Tampa Bay
Thursday, Oct. 13
Cleveland at Houston .....8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 16
Arizona at Washington .....Noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh .....Noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo .....Noon
L.A. Raiders at Miami .....Noon
New England at N.Y. Jets .....Noon
San Francisco at Atlanta .....Noon
N.Y. Giants at L.A. Rams .....3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas .....3 p.m.
San Diego at New Orleans .....3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 17
Kansas City at Denver .....8 p.m.

Week 8

BYE: Buffalo, Miami, New England, N.Y. Jets
Thursday, Oct. 20
PACKERS at Minnesota .....7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 23
Bears at Detroit .....Noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland .....Noon
L.A. Rams at New Orleans .....Noon
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants .....Noon
Seattle at Kansas City .....Noon
Washington at Indianapolis .....Noon
Atlanta at L.A. Raiders .....3 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona .....3 p.m.
Denver at San Diego .....3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Francisco .....3 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 24
Houston at Philadelphia .....8 p.m.

Week 9

BYE: Atlanta, L.A. Rams, New Orleans, San Francisco
Sunday, Oct. 30
Dallas at Cincinnati .....Noon
Detroit at N.Y. Giants .....Noon
Kansas City at Buffalo .....Noon
Miami at New England .....Noon
Philadelphia at Washington .....Noon
Cleveland at Denver .....3 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Raiders .....3 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay .....3 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis .....3 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego .....3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Arizona .....7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 31
PACKERS at Bears .....8 p.m.

Week 10

Sunday, Nov. 6
Bears at Tampa Bay .....Noon
Detroit vs. **PACKERS** at Milwaukee .....Noon
Indianapolis at Miami .....Noon
New England at Cleveland .....Noon
New Orleans at Minnesota .....Noon
Pittsburgh at Houston .....Noon
San Diego at Atlanta .....Noon
San Francisco at Washington .....Noon
Arizona at Philadelphia .....3 p.m.
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets .....3 p.m.
Cincinnati at Seattle .....3 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Rams .....3 p.m.
L.A. Raiders at Kansas City .....7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 7
N.Y. Giants at Dallas .....8 p.m.

Week 11

BYE: Indianapolis, Washington
Sunday, Nov. 13
Bears at Miami .....Noon
Arizona at N.Y. Giants .....Noon
Atlanta at New Orleans .....Noon
Cleveland at Philadelphia .....Noon
Houston at Cincinnati .....Noon
Minnesota at New England .....Noon
San Diego at Kansas City .....Noon
Dallas at San Francisco .....3 p.m.
L.A. Raiders at L.A. Rams .....3 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at **PACKERS** .....3 p.m.
Seattle at Denver .....3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit .....7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 14
Buffalo at Pittsburgh .....8 p.m.

Week 12

Sunday, Nov. 20
Detroit at Bears .....Noon
Cleveland at Kansas City .....Noon
PACKERS at Buffalo .....Noon
Indianapolis at Cincinnati .....Noon
Miami at Pittsburgh .....Noon
San Diego at New England .....Noon
Washington at Dallas .....Noon
Atlanta at Denver .....3 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Raiders .....3 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Minnesota .....3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona .....3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle .....3 p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Francisco .....7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 21
N.Y. Giants at Houston .....8 p.m.

Week 13

Thursday, Nov. 24
Buffalo at Detroit .....11:30 a.m.
PACKERS at Dallas .....3 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 27
Bears at Arizona .....3 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland .....Noon
Miami at N.Y. Jets .....Noon
Philadelphia at Atlanta .....Noon
Tampa Bay at Minnesota .....Noon
Cincinnati at Denver .....3 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle .....3 p.m.
L.A. Rams at San Diego .....3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington .....3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at L.A. Raiders .....3 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis .....7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 28
San Francisco at New Orleans .....8 p.m.

Week 14

Thursday, Dec. 1
Bears at Minnesota .....8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4
Dallas at Philadelphia .....Noon
PACKERS at Detroit .....Noon
N.Y. Jets at New England .....Noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati .....Noon
Washington at Tampa Bay .....Noon
Arizona at Houston .....3 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco .....3 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City .....3 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle .....3 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Rams .....3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Cleveland .....3 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami .....7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 5
L.A. Raiders at San Diego .....8 p.m.

Week 15

Saturday, Dec. 10
Detroit at N.Y. Jets .....11:30 a.m.
Cleveland at Dallas .....3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 11
Bears at **PACKERS** .....Noon
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants .....Noon
Indianapolis at New England .....Noon
L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay .....Noon
Minnesota at Buffalo .....Noon
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh .....Noon
Denver at L.A. Raiders .....3 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego .....3 p.m.
Seattle at Houston .....3 p.m.
Washington at Arizona .....3 p.m.
New Orleans at Atlanta .....7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12
Kansas City at Miami .....8 p.m.

Week 16

Saturday, Dec. 17
Minnesota at Detroit .....11:30 a.m.
Denver at San Francisco .....3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 18
L.A. Rams at Bears .....Noon
Atlanta vs. **PACKERS** at Milwaukee .....Noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh .....Noon
Miami at Indianapolis .....Noon
New England at Buffalo .....Noon
San Diego at N.Y. Jets .....Noon
Tampa Bay at Washington .....Noon
Cincinnati at Arizona .....3 p.m.
Houston at Kansas City .....3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia .....3 p.m.
L.A. Raiders at Seattle .....7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 19
Dallas at New Orleans .....8 p.m

Week 17

Saturday, Dec. 24
New England at Bears .....Noon
Arizona at Atlanta .....Noon
Buffalo at Indianapolis .....Noon
Dallas at N.Y. Giants .....Noon
PACKERS at Tampa Bay .....Noon
Philadelphia at Cincinnati .....Noon
Seattle at Cleveland .....Noon
Kansas City at L.A. Raiders .....3 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver .....3 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Houston .....3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego .....3 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Rams .....3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25
Detroit at Miami .....7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26
San Francisco at Minnesota .....8 p.m.

Postseason

Saturday, Dec. 31 . . AFC/NFC Wild Card Playoffs
Sunday, Jan. 1 . . . . AFC/NFC Wild Card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 7 . . . . AFC/NFC Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, Jan. 8 . . . . AFC/NFC Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, Jan. 15 . . AFC/NFC Championship Games
Sunday, Jan. 29 . . . . . Super Bowl XXIX
Sunday, Feb. 5 . . . . . AFC/NFC Pro Bowl

CENTRAL ISSUES

by John Delcos

Chicago Bears

RB Tim Worley has been struggling with a separated shoulder. ... Bears still trying to find balanced rotation among backs Worley, Merril Hoge, Robert Green and Lewis Tillman. ... Tillman on Bears fans: "They are like any other. If you are going good, they are with you. If you are doing bad, they'll let you know it." ... Bears scored 20 points in each of their first two games. They had 20 or more points only three times last season. ... The three touchdowns Philadelphia scored in its Monday night victory over the Bears were the most allowed by Chicago's defense in a game since Dave Wannstedt became coach.

THIS WEEK: At New York Jets.

Series history -- Chicago leads, 3-1.

Scouting Report -- Jets QB Boomer Esiason is off to a hot start, and WR Rob Moore, despite a cast on his wrist, is a favorite target. ... Jets allow one sack a game. ... Jets LB Mo Lewis is a run stuffer who has greatly improved in pass coverage. ... Second-year player Marvin Jones has replaced veteran Kyle Clifton (knee) as middle linebacker. ... Bears showed tremendous grit in fourth-quarter rally against Philly which fell short. ... Bears offensive line hasn't meshed and is vulnerable to stunts and blitzes. ... Bears still trying to establish rhythm in Erik Kramer-Curtis Conway passing tandem.

INJURIES: Green (knee), LBs Vinson Smith (knee), Dante Jones (leg), Barry Minter (ankle), DTs Carl Simpson (hip), James Williams (knee), CB Donnell Woolford (concussion).

Green Bay Packers

Sometimes, coaches just don't get it. Mike Holmgren snapped at the press after he was asked why RB Reggie Cobb carried four times for 28 yards (a healthy seven yards a pop) against Miami. Replied Holmgren: "When you're behind 24-0, you want me to hand him the ball? I threw because we were behind and I wanted to win." That all sounds fine, but it's not as if the game started out 24-0. The Packers threw on their first three plays and 8 of their first 11. They rushed four times and threw 21 passes in the first half, despite trailing only 10-0 until the last minute. Most NFL coaches have the mentality that if you haven't played football -- they like to say "if you haven't been in the arena" -- then you don't know what you're talking about. Say Mike, you don't have to know how to build a watch in order to tell time.

Detroit Lions

WR Anthony Carter will be out for up to eight weeks with a broken collarbone. He will be replaced by Johnnie Morton. ... QB Scott Mitchell on RB Barry Sanders: "Every time you give him the ball, you expect him to score." Except, of course, against the Vikings. Minnesota held Sanders to 16 yards in 12 carries, his lowest total since New Orleans held him to a 10-yard game in 1990. ... Lions allowed six sacks, fumbled three times and were intercepted against Vikings.

THIS WEEK: New England.

Scouting Report -- Long-balling Pats QB Drew Bledsoe is piling up some lofty numbers. So is New England's defense, which has allowed 38.5 points a game. ... In short-yardage and goal-line situations, Bledsoe likes TE Ben Coates. ... Lions, who are coming off the short week from Monday nighter in Dallas, should be bruised. ... As usual, Lions' offense begins with Sanders. ... Herman Moore is Mitchell's favorite receiver, but look for WR Brett Perriman and TE Ron Hall in the short zone. ... It's unlikely Detroit's defense will stop Patriots, and best hope of winning appears to be a shootout.

INJURIES: C Leonard Burton (ankle), NT Marc Spindler (ankle), LB Antonio London (hamstring), TE Ty Hallock (knee).

Minnesota Vikings

OL John Gerak was fined $7,500 for chop-blocking Green Bay's Reggie White, and is being reviewed by the league again for a block on Detroit's Tracy Scroggins which could result in another fine. Coach Dennis Green wasn't amused, saying, "those are crucial penalties ... he's hurting us." ... The Vikings had eight sacks in the first two weeks, an indication they've filled the void left by Chris Doleman's departure. QB Warren Moon has struggled early with short passing game: "I'm not a dunker or a dinker. My strength is going downfield."

THIS WEEK: Miami.

Scouting Report -- Vikings pass rush has been good, but Dan Marino still has the quickest release in the game. Miami's line allows an average of two sacks a game. ... ... Marino will also pick on young CBs Dewayne Washington and Anthony Parker with Irving Fryar and Mark Ingram. ... Dolphins scoring 31.5 points a game. ... Vikings' offense has struggled, with one touchdown in first eight quarters. ... Look for Moon to try to stretch out defense with longer routes. ... WR Qadry Ismail is becoming go-to guy for Moon. ... Minnesota's running game has a lot of players, but so far, no star.

INJURIES: Gerak (knee), G Bernard Dafney (back).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

The estate of late owner Hugh Culverhouse said the franchise turned down a $175-million offer for the team. Earlier in the year, Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos offered $200 million to Culverhouse with the intent of relocating the team to Baltimore. Said trustee Stephen Story: "We will not consider any offers, nor will we entertain any discussion regarding the sale of the team. This stance is not just for this season, but for the foreseeable future as well." The immediate future is defined as this season. The Bucs surely aren't going to announce the team is for sale and will be moving in one breath, then try to sell tickets in the next. ... Signed CB Curtis Buckley. ... Waived DT Bernard Wilson.

THIS WEEK: At Green Bay.

Scouting Report -- If the Bucs stop Sterling Sharpe, they would have stopped the Green Bay offense. ... Bucs rushed for 123 yards in the opener, then threw for over 300 yards in the second game, an indication of a balanced offense. ... QB Craig Erickson is playing with confidence, and won't be easily rattled. ...

INJURIES: RB Anthony McDowell (ankle), DE Eric Curry (quad), S Tony Covington (knee), S Thomas Everett (chest), T Tim Irwin (biceps), DT Mark Wheeler (ankle), DE Jeff Hunter (knee).

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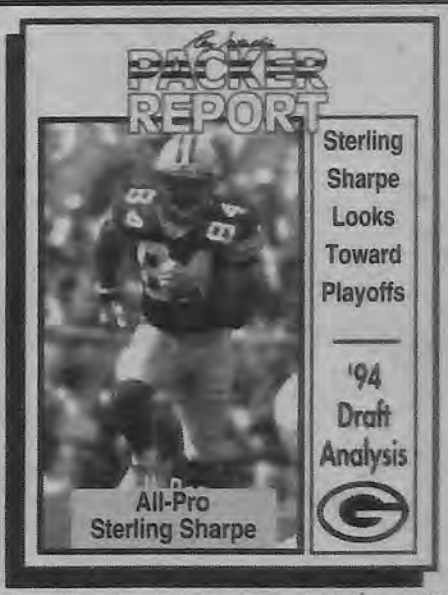

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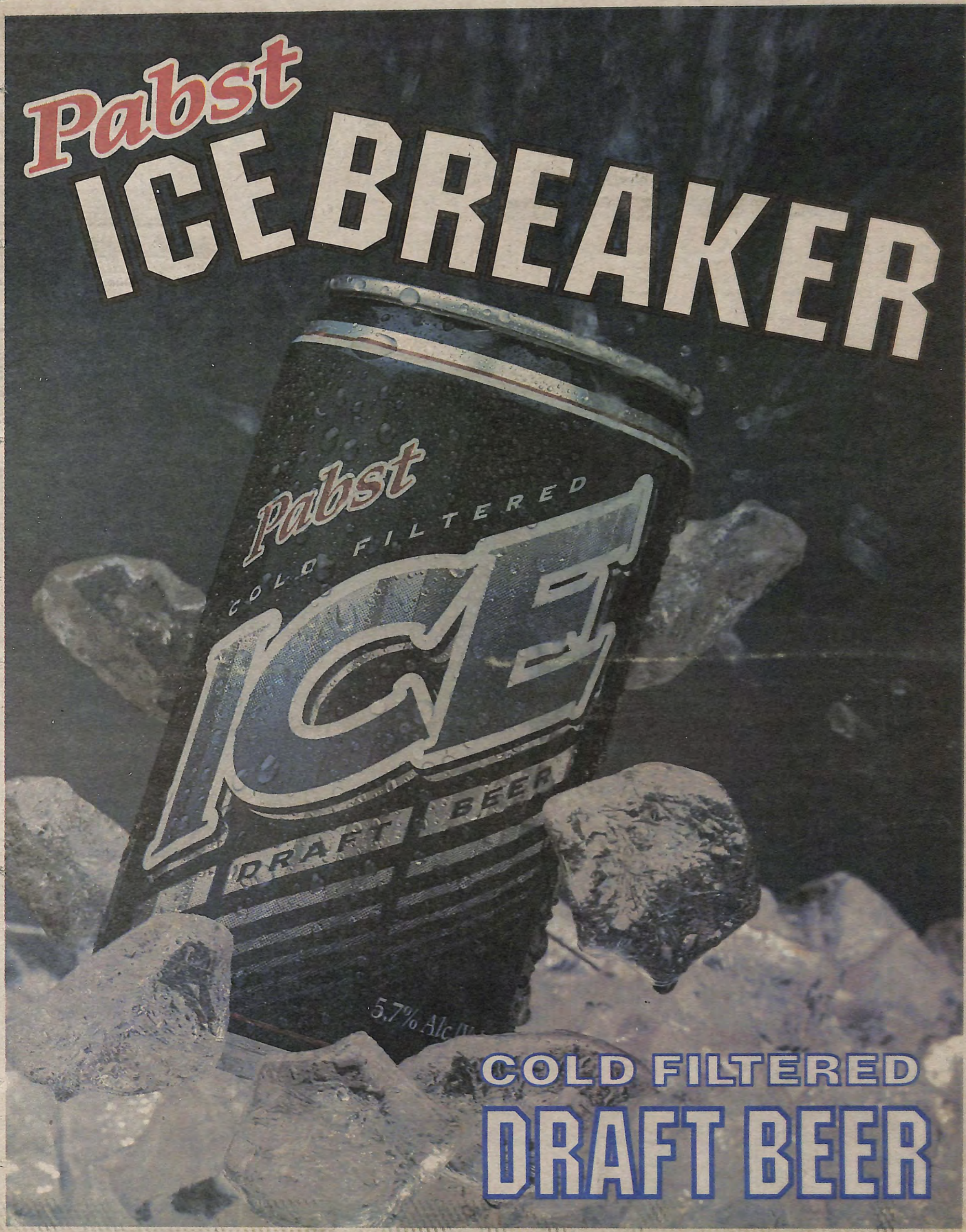
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